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Joe Higgins
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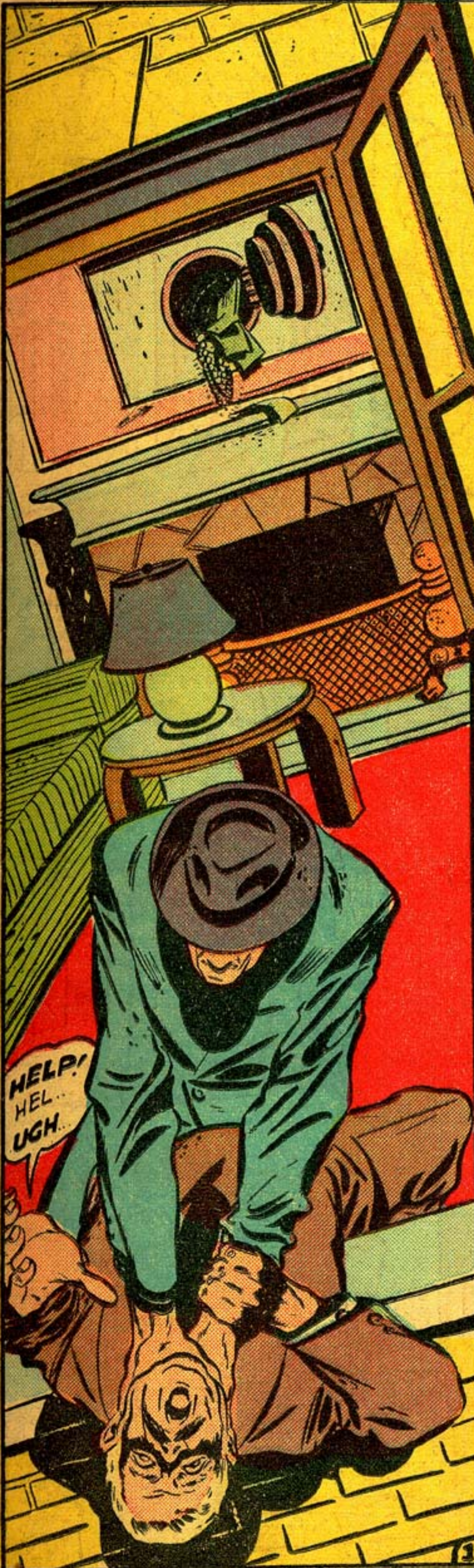


The SHIELD

WITH DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE

ONE NIGHT, THE WEALTHY MR. KAHN IS SET UPON IN HIS OWN HOME BY A BURGLAR.

BY NOVICK AND SHORTEN



HELP!
HEL...
UGH...

JOE HIGGINS AND DUSTY
PASS BY JUST THEN --



HOLY
HANNAH!
DUSTY-
LOOK!

A QUICK TRANSFORMA-
TION AND THE SHIELD
FLASHES INTO ACTION.



NEED
ANY HELP
SHIELD?

OWOO!



HANG ONTO HIM, DUSTY!... I'LL SEND MY FRIEND, JOE HIGGINS BACK TO ARREST HIM!

YOU BETCHA, SHIELD!



ONE WEEK LATER...

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE CASE OF MR. KAHN VS. MR. CLIFF! THE CHARGE, BURGLARY AND ASSAULT WITH THE INTENT TO KILL!



MR. CLIFF YOU'VE BEEN IN THE EMPLOY OF KAHN AND DOBE FOR TEN YEARS! THEY TRUSTED YOU!

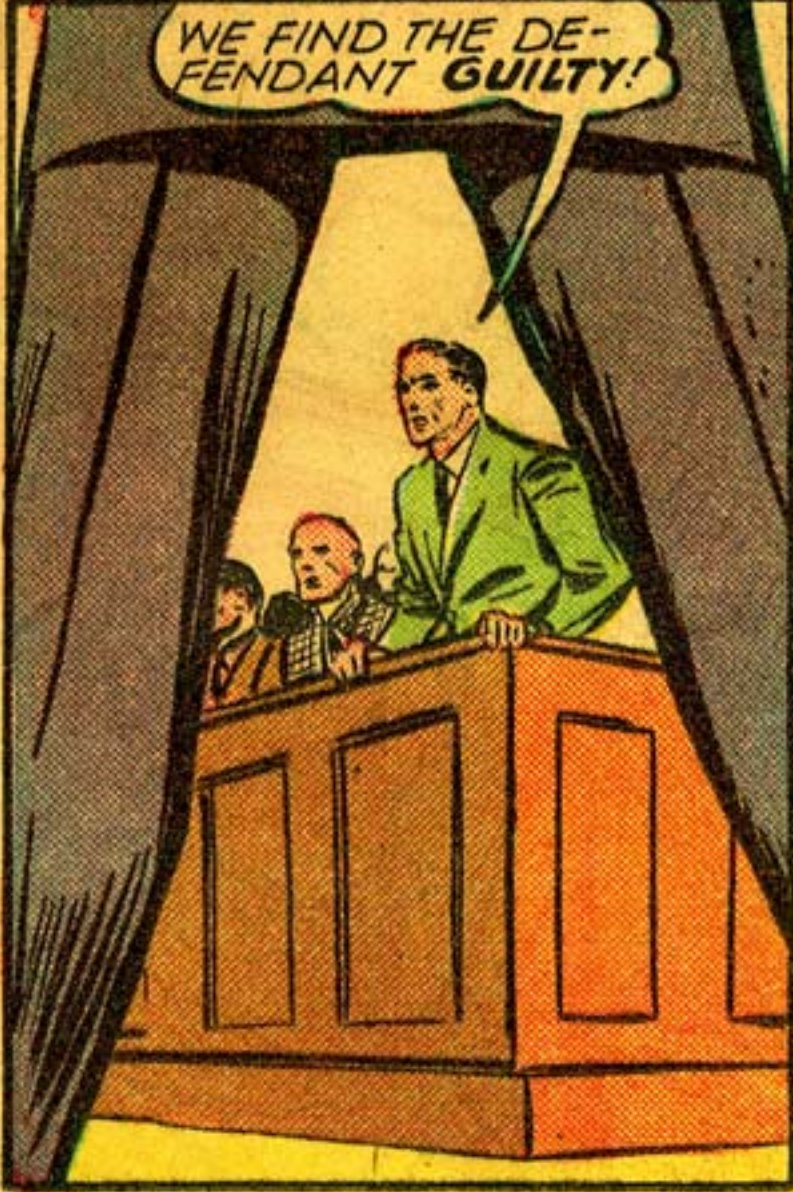


NO! THEY TRUSTED NOBODY! THEY OVERWORKED ME AND UNDERPAID ME. I WAS OVER MY HEAD IN DEBT. MY WIFE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY AND I NEEDED MONEY DESPERATELY!



MR. HIGGINS! YOU MADE THE ARREST, DIDN'T YOU?

ER... YES! BUT IT WAS THE SHIELD WHO MADE THE CAPTURE!



WE FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY!



TAKE IT EASY, BUDDY!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, JUDGE! MY WIFE! MY KID! I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! ALL OF YOU! YOU FIRST! I SWEAR IT!

POOR CHAP!

TAKE HIM AWAY! HE'S HYSTERICAL!

GEE! I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT LAD, MR KAHN!

I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR HIM. HE DESERVED IT! BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU MET MY PARTNER, MR. DOBE?

HOW DO YOU DO, MR HIGGINS!

I FEEL LIKE A HEEL FOR TESTIFYING AGAINST HIM BUT WHAT COULD I DO?

I DIDN'T KNOW THE POOR CHAP'S CIRCUMSTANCES MYSELF, HIGGINS!

LOOK HERE, GEORGE! ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT I

WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN HARD ON OUR HELP, JOHN! TOO HARD! AFTER ALL, I AM THE SENIOR PARTNER AND YOU SHOULD RESPECT MY WISHES!

MONTHS LATER!

WARDEN! CLIFF JUST MADE A BREAK!

WHAT! HELLO! HELLO! SOUND THE ALARM!

WHEEE

WHEEE

THE FLEEING FUGITIVE IS OVERTAKEN BY A POLICE CAR AND A RUNNING BATTLE ENSUES

R R RAT TAT

GOT 'EM, TONY! THEY WON'T FOLLOW US NO MORE!

AT THAT MOMENT IN JOE'S APARTMENT!

SWING IT, BETTY!

IN THE GROOVE JU JU!



FLASH!...FRANK CLIFF HAS JUST MADE A SENSATIONAL PRISON BREAK AIDED BY THE NOTORIOUS GANGSTER, TONY SPOLITO!



WHY WOULD A BIG-SHOT GANGSTER LIKE SPOLITO BOTHER WITH SMALL FRY LIKE CLIFF? I'M GOING TO THE JUDGE'S AND MAKE SURE HE'S SAFE... CLIFF THREATENED HIM WHEN HE WAS SENTENCED!

CLIFF ALSO THREATENED THE PARTNERS AND YOU, JOE!



WHILE IN ANOTHER APARTMENT..

OKAY, CLIFF!... THE JOB'S DONE !... NOW, PAY OFF!

NOT YET!



THERE'S STILL SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!... JOE HIGGINS, FOR ONE THING!



JOE HIGGINS!... AIN'T THAT THE G-MAN WHO'S SO PALSY-WALSY WITH THE SHIELD!



GREAT GHOSTS!... I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIGGINS ALONE BEFORE HE CAN RING THE SHIELD IN! WAIT A MINUTE! HE'S GOT A GIRL FRIEND HASN'T HE?



AH! YOU'RE WORRYIN' ABOUT NOTHIN'! THAT GUY CLIFF DIDN'T MEAN WHAT HE SAID!

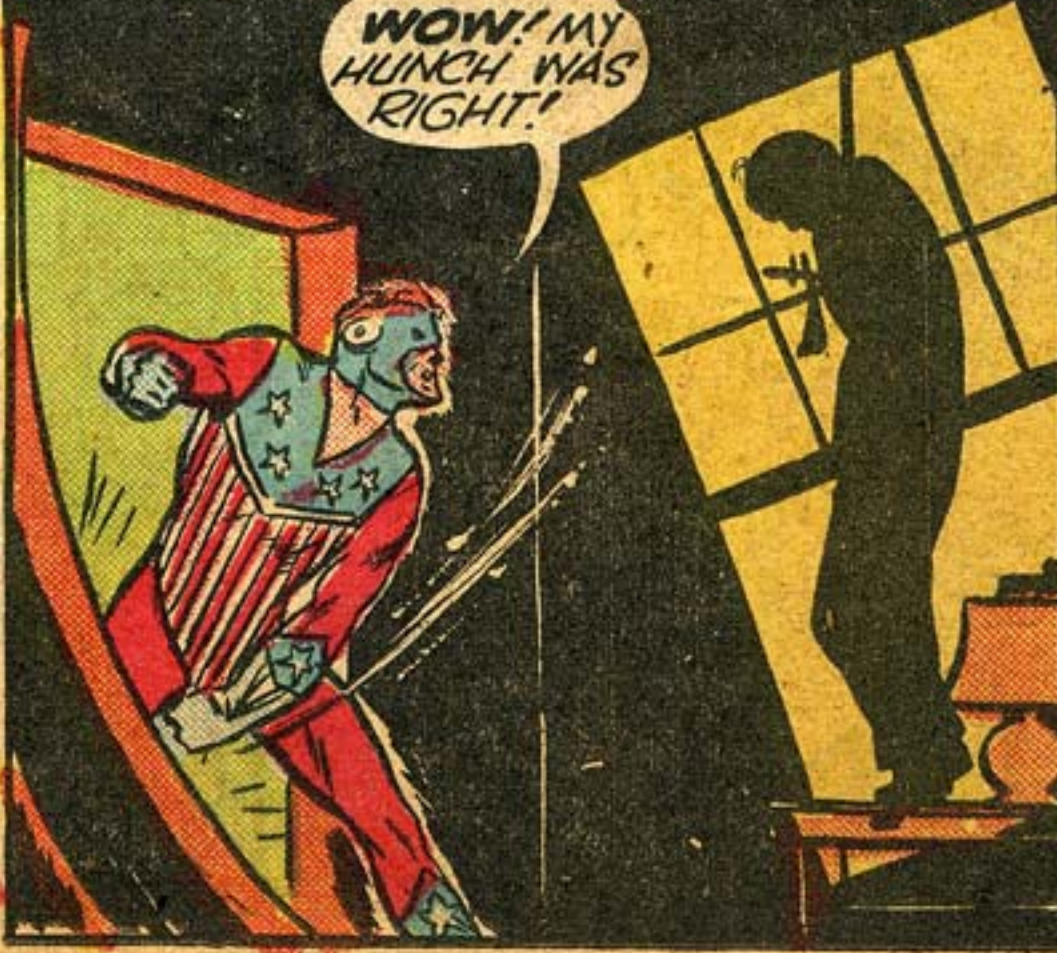
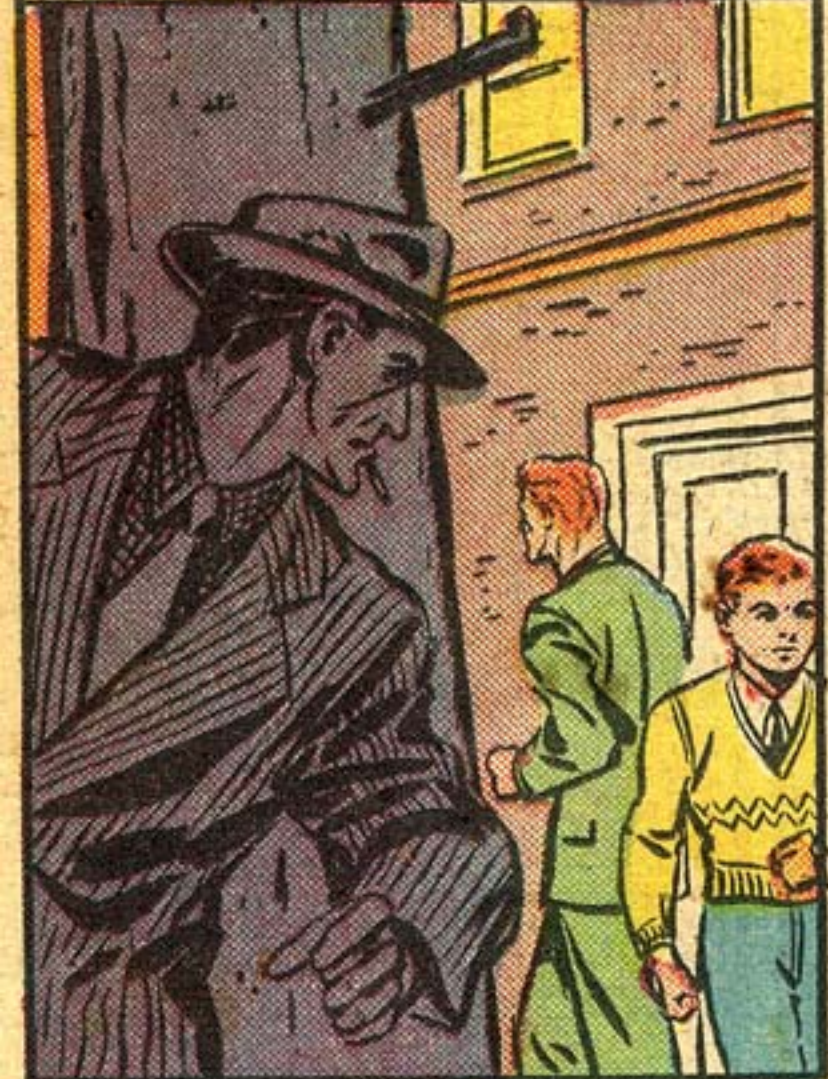
MAYBE NOT! BUT I'M TAKING NO CHANCES! S'LONG!



YOU GO TO DOBE'S HOUSE DUSTY, AND THEN KEEP AN EYE ON BETTY! I DON'T WANT HER GETTING INTO TROUBLE!

CHECK, JOE!

A SPOTTER WAITING OUTSIDE JOE'S HOUSE, SEES THE G-MAN EMERGE!





A NOTE! IT SAYS "I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROMISES! THREE MORE TO GO DOBE, KAHN AND THEN HIGGINS!"



AT DOBE'S APARTMENT... MAYBE JU JU'S RIGHT! PROBABLY NOTHING TO THE WHOLE THING!



AFTER SEARCHING THE ENTIRE HOUSE, THE BOY COMES TO THE BATHROOM AND SEES...

THAT'S A FUNNY PLACE TO PUT A NOTE!



JUMPING JACK RABBIT! ..IT'S DOBE! DROWNED!



BUT I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH MY PARTNER! I SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM!

YOU'RE ALL UPSET OVER NOTHING, KAHN!

AT THAT MOMENT, BETTY AND JU JU ARRIVE AT KAHN'S HOUSE...



THAT MADMAN, CLIFF LOOSE... MY LIFE THREATENED... AND YOU SAY "NOTHING"!

TAKE IT EASY, WILL YA!



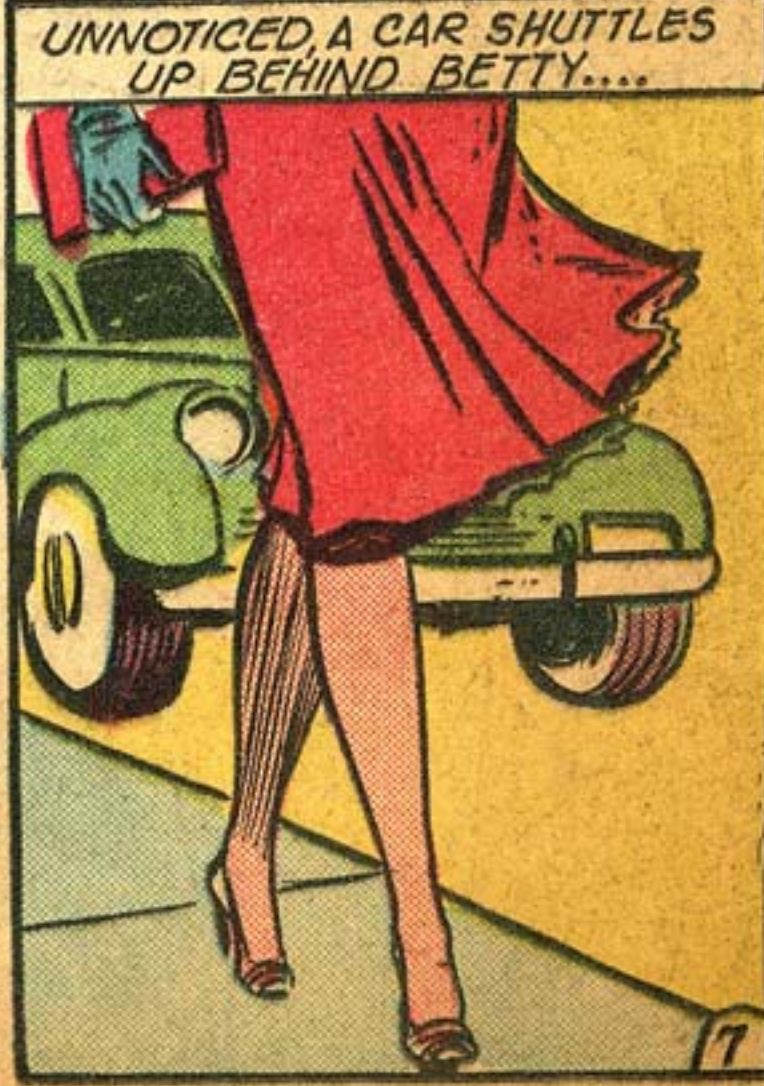
HEY! WHAT!..

FREEZE FLATFOOT!



FREEZE, HUH!.. I'LL FREEZE YOU!

BOP



JUST AS BETTY IS ABOUT TO ENTER JOE'S HOUSE..



WAIT A MINUTE, SISTER!

WHO?... WHA....

EASY, SISTER 'N YOU WON'T GET HURT!.. YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US!



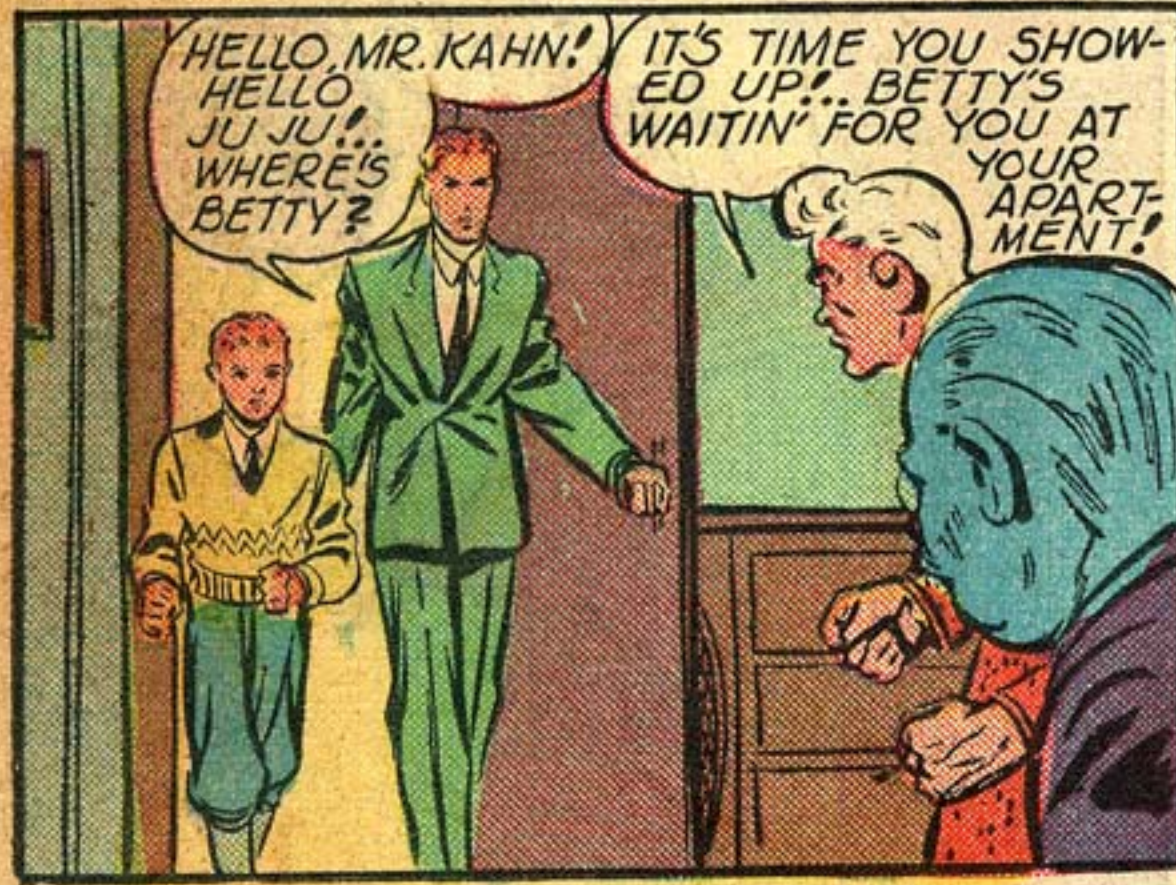
ULP.. GLUG..

THE SHIELD MEETS UP WITH DUSTY



THAT GUY, CLIFF, WORKED FAST! ALL RIGHT!.. TOO FAST!

YEAH!.. 'N HE ALMOST GOT KAHN TOO! BETTY AND JU JU ARE STILL THERE!



HELLO, MR. KAHN! HELLO JU JU!.. WHERE'S BETTY?

IT'S TIME YOU SHOWED UP!.. BETTY'S WAITIN' FOR YOU AT YOUR APARTMENT!



MR. HIGGINS! I'M IN FRIGHTFUL DANGER! HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE SHIELD YET?

AND HE AIN'T GOIN' TO EITHER... I'M TAKIN' CARE OF YOU, MR. KAHN!

NO!



SURE!.. YOU'RE SAFE AS LONG AS JU JU'S AROUND!.. WELL, SO LONG... I'LL GO PICK UP BETTY!



ER.. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, MR. WATSON... I.. AH.. MUST KEEP A VERY IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT!



THAT'S OKAY, MR. KAHN!.. BUT I'LL GO ALONG AS YOUR BODY-GUARD!

WHY... ER.. THANK YOU!

JOE ARRIVES AT HIS APARTMENT...

HM... I DON'T SEE HER AROUND!

HEY, LOOK JOE!... A NOTE!

We got your girl, Higgins, and if you want to see her alive, come down to 121 Mulberry street. Try to bring the shield, and it'll be curtains for both of you.
You know wh

OKAY!... I'LL DO JUST AS THEY SAY... EXCEPT FOR THAT SHIELD PART... NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, DUSTY!

LET'S HAVE IT, JOE!

LATER..

HERE'S THE HOUSE! WELL... HERE GOES NOTHING!

SEEMS DESERTED!... I WONDER IF THIS IS A GAG OF SOME KIND!

SUDDENLY...

SO YOU DID COME, EH, SUCKER? TAKE THAT!

"BONG!"

YOUR NUMBER'S UP, HIGGINS, AS SOON AS THE BOSS GETS HERE!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL HE COMES!

MEANWHILE...

I'LL BE QUITE ALL RIGHT FROM HERE ON, MR. WATSON!

NOTHIN' DOIN', MR. KAHN!... I SAID I'D PROTECT YA, AND I'M GOING TO!

WELL..ER..I'VE GOT A LITTLE PRIVATE BUSINESS IN THAT HOUSE!.. MIND WAITING OUTSIDE?



PRIVATE STUFF, HUH! SURE I UNDERSTAND!

I GOT A LITTLE SWEETIE PIE OF MY OWN!



HOW NICE.... I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!



GEE I HAVE-N'T SEEN MAMIE FOR ALMOST A WEEK!..

WONDER IF SHE MISSES ME TOO! (SIGH, SIGH)



HEY MISTER!

HELP ME ON WID ME SKATES, WILL YA?



SURE! GIMME YER SKATE KEY!



I WUZ A CHAMP SKATER WHEN I WUZ YOUR AGE!

MEANWHILE...



HELLO, BOYS! YOU GOT THE G-MAN, EH?

YEAH!... WE BL'EN WAITIN' FER YOU, LIKE YOU SAID!



SURE! I WANNA HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KNOCKIN' HIM OFF, MYSELF!

AND THE GIG GETS IT TOO! I TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU SOME DAY, DIDN'T I? SAY YOUR PRAYERS, G-MAN!



NOW! WHAT A 'PICKLE' I'M IN. NOW I'VE GOT TO REVEAL MYSELF AS THE SHIELD, OR THEY'LL KILL BETTY SURE!



BUT BEFORE THE KILLERS CAN TRIGGER THEIR GUNS -

NO, NO! YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH!

HEY! WHO...

HE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! I THOUGHT HE MISSED HIS SIGNALS.



HOW DO YA LIKE THIS CHIN-MUSIC?



WHILE DUSTY'S KEEPING 'EM BUSY, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET INTO MY SHIELD UNIFORM UNOBSERVED!



HELLO, BOYS! MORE COMPANY.

IT... IT'S THE SHIELD.



OH! SO YOU WEASELS KNOW ME EH?



LET'S GET FURTHER ACQUAINTED!



TH...THE 'BULLETS' ARE BOUNCIN' OFF HIM LIKE PEAS!



HEY!
WHAT'S
THAT?
SHOOT-
ING?



SOMETHING'S AFOOT!...
AND I'M GONNA..COOPS!

HEY
YA JERK!
WATCH OUT
FER ME
SKATES!



OO!..WHAT A
FLOP!..DRAT
THAT KID!..

WHERE
AM I?

MMPH..
GLUG!



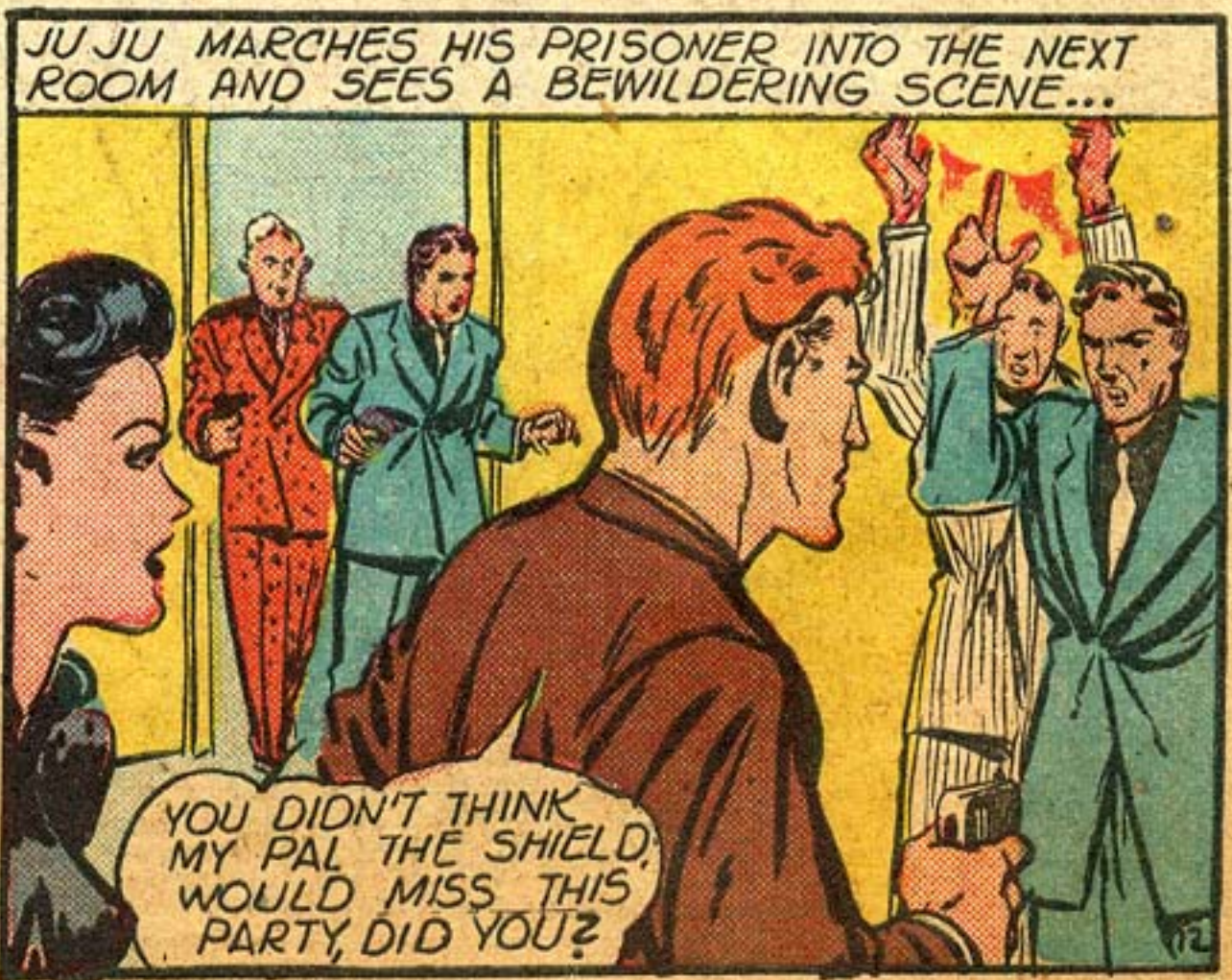
SUFFERIN' CATFISH..WHAT'D
I FALL INTO? YOU'RE
THAT KILLER, FRANK CLIFF!

UGGLE,
BRRFF!



YOU'VE PULLED YOUR
LAST MURDER! I'M
TAKIN' YOU
WITH
ME!

WHAT'RE YA
TALKIN' ABOUT!
I DIDN'T
MURDER NO-
BODY!



JU JU MARCHES HIS PRISONER INTO THE NEXT
ROOM AND SEES A BEWILDERING SCENE...

YOU DIDN'T THINK
MY PAL THE SHIELD,
WOULD MISS THIS
PARTY, DID YOU?

WHAT IS THIS... AM I SEEIN' DOUBLE? THESE GUYS LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE! ARE THEY TWINS? WHO'S WHO?



NO! THERE IS ONLY ONE FRANK CLIFF JU JU!

THIS ONE'S THE PHONEY. HMM! JUST AS I THOUGHT MR. KAHN WITH A RUBBER MASK!



I'LL BE... WHAT'S THE GAG?

I KNEW CLIFF WASN'T THE KILLER. THE JUDGE'S BODY WAS COLD WHEN I GOT THERE. HE MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED BEFORE CLIFF HAD MADE HIS PRISON BREAK!



IT WAS YOU WHO HELPED CLIFF ESCAPE, WASN'T IT KAHN? YOU WANTED HIM TO TAKE THE RAP FOR THOSE MURDERS?



YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS... IT'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU!

Y... YES! I'LL CONFESS!

I REALLY WANTED MY PARTNER OUT OF THE WAY!... HE WAS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT I WAS DEFRAUDING HIM! I HAD TO MURDER THE OTHERS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE CLIFF DID IT!



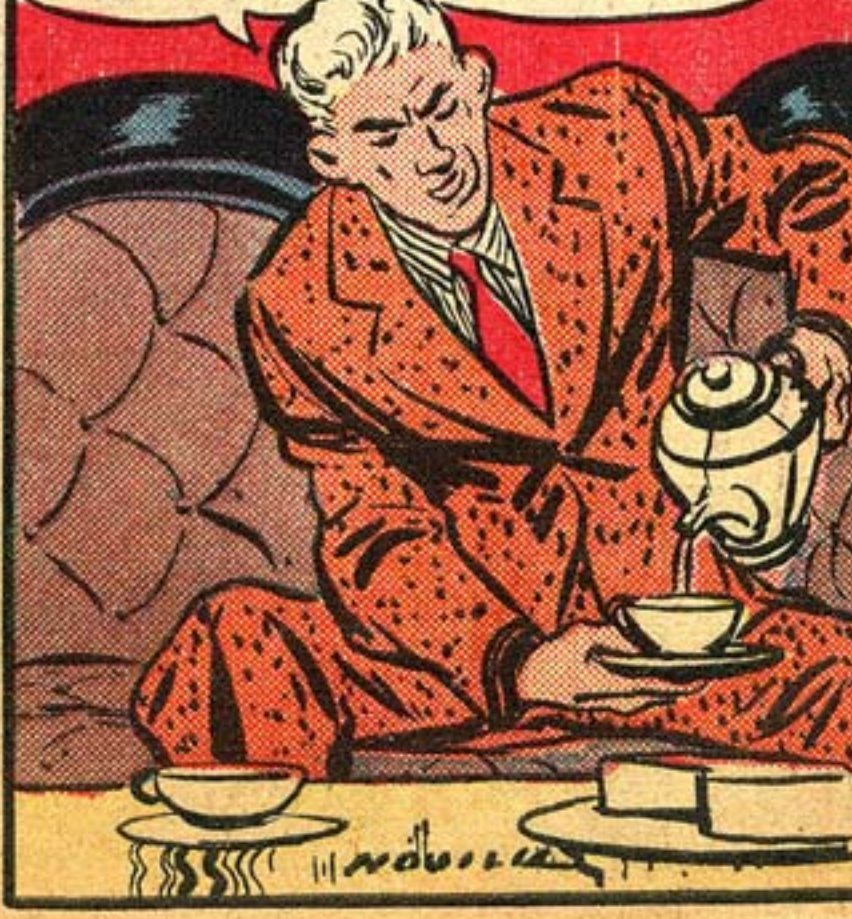
NEXT DAY



HA, HA! AND YOU WERE GUARDING THE KILLER!

AH! I WAS NOT!

I KNEW IT WAS HIM ALL THE TIME! I WAS JUST BEIN' CAGY SO'S HE WOULDN'T SUSPECT!... BLA... BLA... BLA.



EVERY ISSUE OF PEP COMICS BRINGS YOU THE SHIELD, AND THAT'S THE SAME AS SAYING IT BRINGS YOU THE MOST PULSE-RACING, HEART-STOPPING MOMENTS YOU'LL EVER GET ANYWHERE, ANYTIME! YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE!



DEEP IN THE FORESTS OF THE LAND OF WONDERS, A FRIGHTFUL SCENE IS ENACTED - THE MURDER OF A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS!

THE MURDERER HASTENS BACK TO HIS QUEEN, THE DEAD PRINCESS' EVIL STEP MOTHER!

IT IS DONE, YOUR MAJESTY! THE PRINCESS IS DEAD!

SPLENDID! ... I'LL TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO MY OWN DAUGHTER, ESMERELDA!



ESMERELDA, DEAR! GET OUT OF BED AND PRETTY UP! YOU SHALL MARRY THE HANDSOME PRINCE NOW!

OH GOODY!



THE QUEEN HAS ANOTHER STORY FOR THE KING

AND SO, YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR WORTHLESS DAUGHTER RAN AWAY WITH SOME WORTHLESS BEGGAR! WE CAN'T FIND HER!

DEAR ME! DEAR ME!

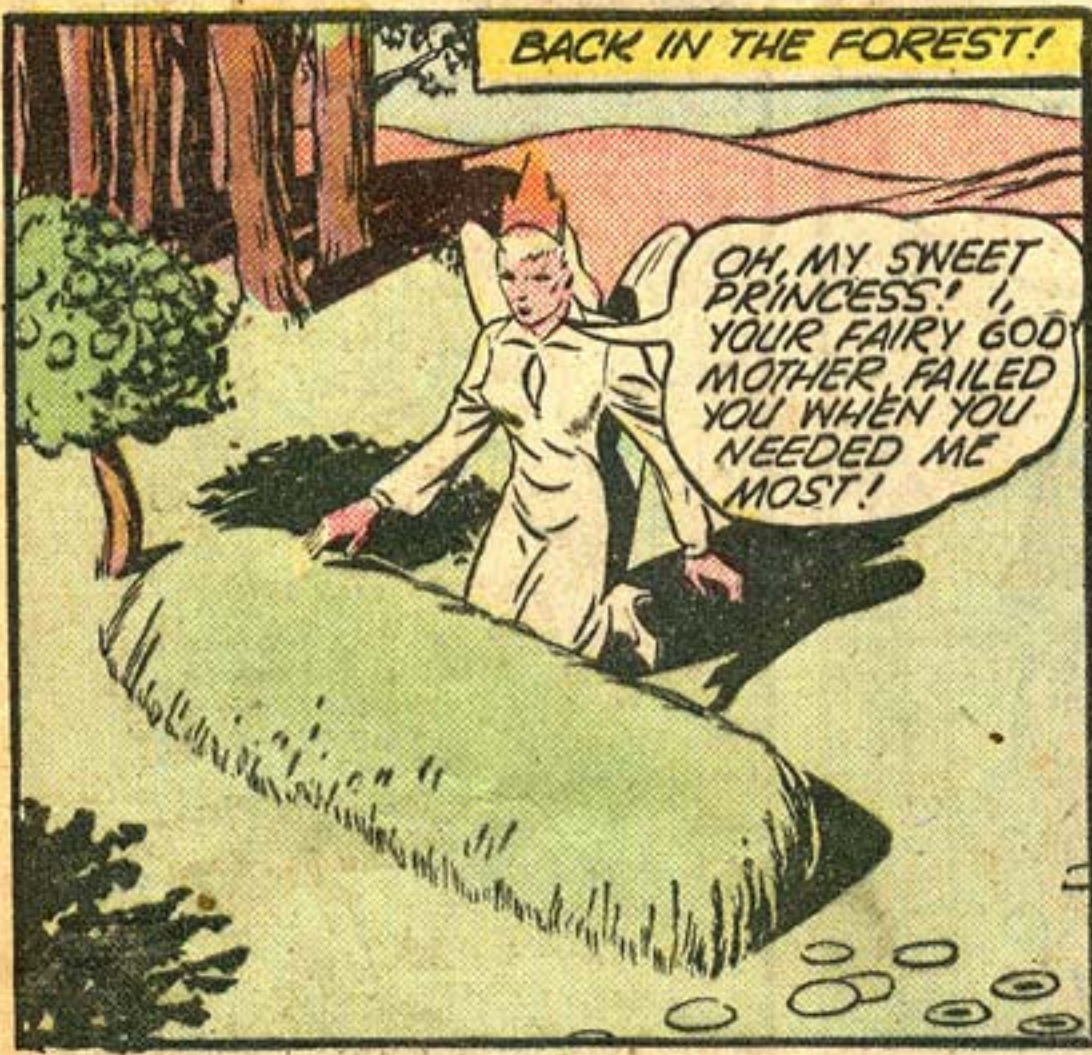
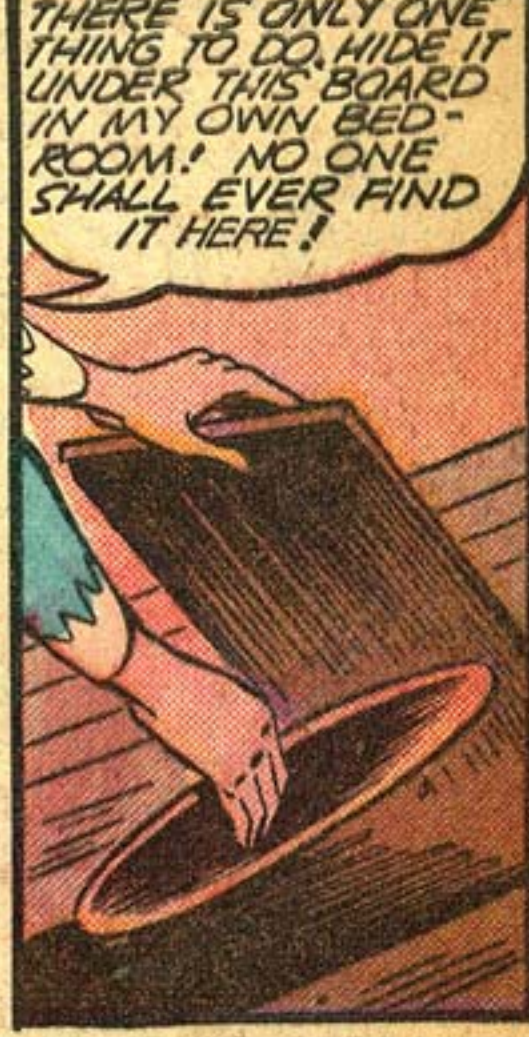


MY DAUGHTER! HOW COULD SHE DO A SUCH A THING! (SNIFF, SNIFF.)

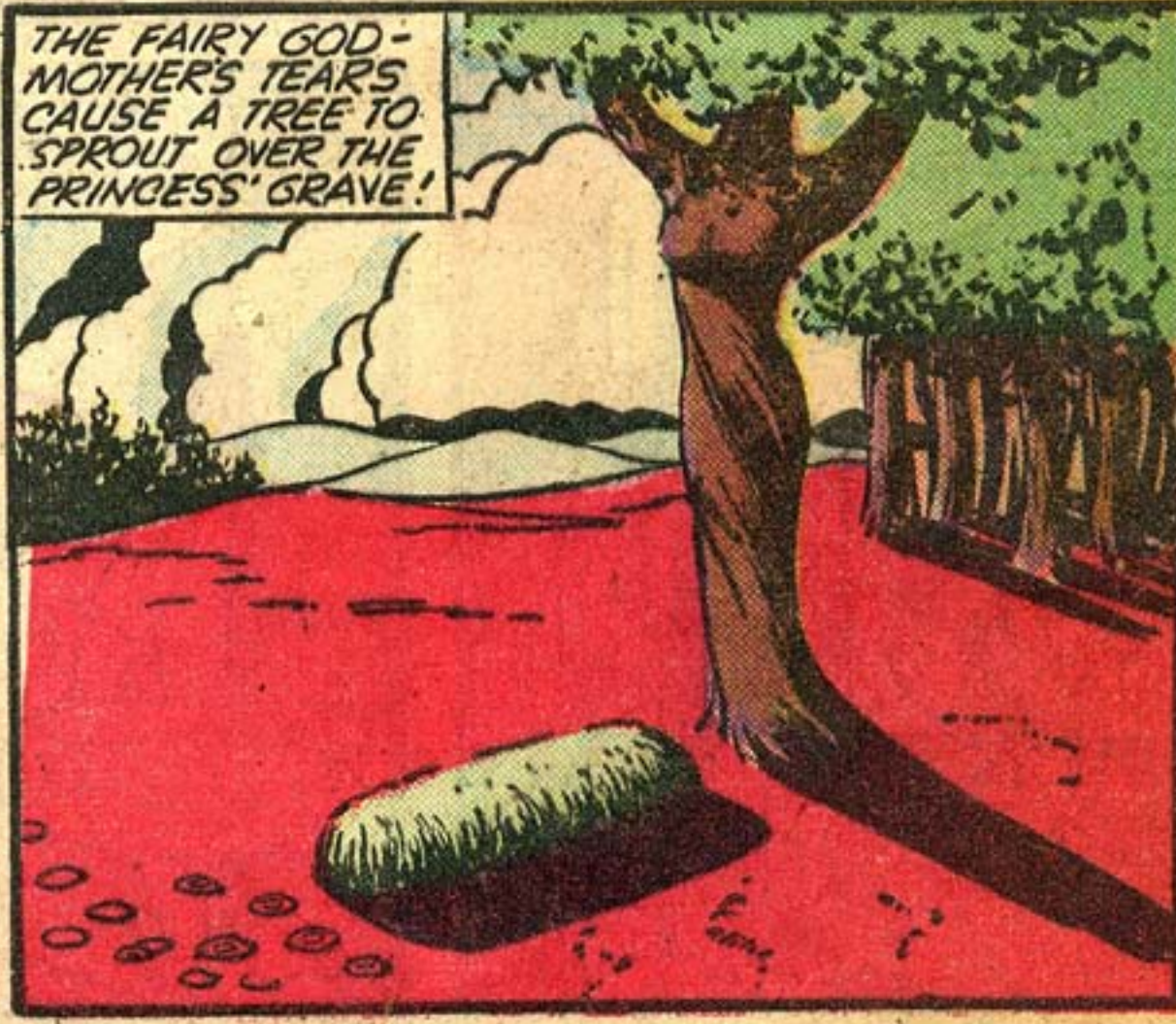




ALONE IN HER ROOM THE EVIL QUEEN PLOTS TO DESTROY THE ONE THING THAT COULD BETRAY HER!



BACK IN THE FOREST!



DANNY, KUPKAKE AND SNAPPER ARE WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST ONE DAY.

WHEW! IT'S HOT KUPPIE!



KUPKAKE SETTLES HIMSELF UNDER THE TREE, WHEN-



HEY! IT MUST BE RAININ', DANNY!



THOSE ARE TEARS, KUPPIE! G..GOSH! IT'S THE TREE! IT'S CRYIN'!

YEAH! 'N IT LOOKS LIKE A GIRL, TOO!



THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF OF SMOKE, AND

THAT TREE IS A PRINCESS' DANNY! I'M HER GOD-MOTHER!

GEE..GULP! AN ENCHANTED PRINCESS!

WE'LL SAVE HER, HUH, DANNY?



SURE! JUST TELL US HOW, QUEEN.

ONLY THE MIRROR OF TRUTH CAN BRING HER BACK TO LIFE! HER WICKED STEP-MOTHER, THE QUEEN HAS IT HIDDEN.



THAT NIGHT!

THERE'S THE CASTLE NOW! SO FAR, SO GOOD!



HEY DANNY! I'M STUCK ON THIS FENCE!

QUIET! KUPPIE, I'LL GET YOU LOOSE!



SHH! THE GUARDS ARE ASLEEP!

SHH... SNAP-PER!



THE QUEEN'S BEDROOM!

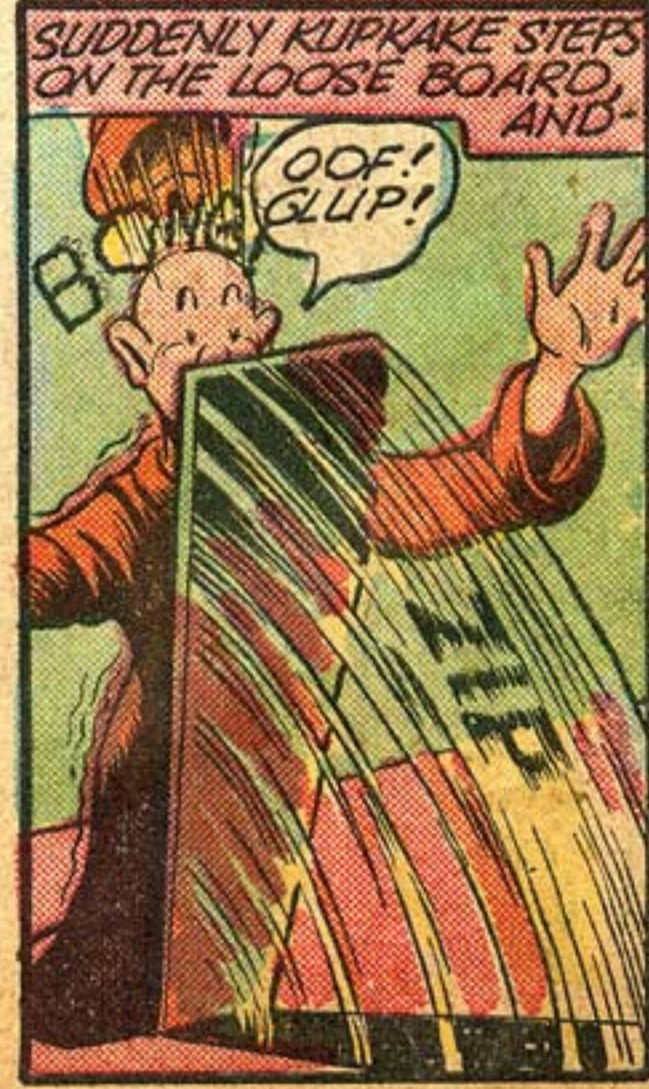
OBOY! LET'S GO IN!

YIP! YIP!



WE'LL SEARCH THE ROOM FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FOR THE MIRROR! BE AS QUIET AS YOU CAN!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!



SUDDENLY KUPKAKE STEPS ON THE LOOSE BOARD, AND-

OOF! GLUP!



NOW YOU DID IT!
YOU WOKE THEM
UP! JUMPIN'
JELLYBEANS! A
MIRROR! THIS
MUST BE IT!

HELP!
THIEVES!

OOOO!



RUN
KUPPIE,
RUN!

I'M
RUN-
ING!

STOP!
COME
BACK!



RIGHT BE-
HIND YA
DANNY!
OOOF!

HURRY!



GOLLY! KUPPIE
SLIPPED!
WAIT FER ME!

I CAN'T
STOP
NOW!



THE GUARDS ARE AWAK-
ENED!

WHO ARE
THEY? HOW'D
THEY GET
IN HERE?

I DON'T
KNOW! ...
LET'S GET
'EM!



C'MON! OVER
THE FENCE 'N
WE'LL BE
SAFE!

STOP!



OWOOO!

LET'S
GIVE IT
TO THIS
ONE!



THEY'VE ESCAPED! AFTER
THEM! KILL THEM!
GET THAT MIRROR
BACK!

DON'T
WORRY
YOUR MAJES-
TY! I'LL
GET EM!



KEEP RUNNIN
KUPPIE! WE'RE
NOT SAFE YET

(PUFF PUFF)
I... I'M ORFUL
TIRED!



(PUFF, PUFF)
GOTTA REST, NOW!

ALL RIGHT
WE'VE GONE FAR ENOUGH!
WE'LL SLEEP HERE!



NEXT MORNING...

DANNY'S STILL SLEEPIN' (YAWN)
GEE, I'M HUNGRY!

BOY O' BOY!
COCOANUTS!

ZZZZZZ



JUST THEN..

I'VE TRACKED THEM, ALL RIGHT, AND NOW I'VE FOUND 'EM!



OH, GEE, GOSH!
IT SLIPPED!



BUNG! OOF!

HEY!
WHAT IN...



TRIED TO KILL ME WHILE I WAS SLEEPING, HUH!

I'LL KILL YOU YET!



WITH A LIGHTNING-LIKE MOTION, DANNY PULLS OUT HIS SWORD, AND....

YOU WON'T KILL ANYBODY AGAIN!

UGH!



HEY!.. WHAT HAPPENED, DANNY?

THAT COCOANUT YOU DROPPED, SAVED MY LIFE!



C'MON!.. LET'S GET BACK TO THE PRINCESS! WE'VE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME ALREADY



HERE WE ARE!
NOW WE'LL
SHINE THIS
MAGIC MIRROR
ON THE TREE
'N SEE WHAT
OCCURS!



AS THE RAYS HIT THE TREE,
A MIRACULOUS CHANGE

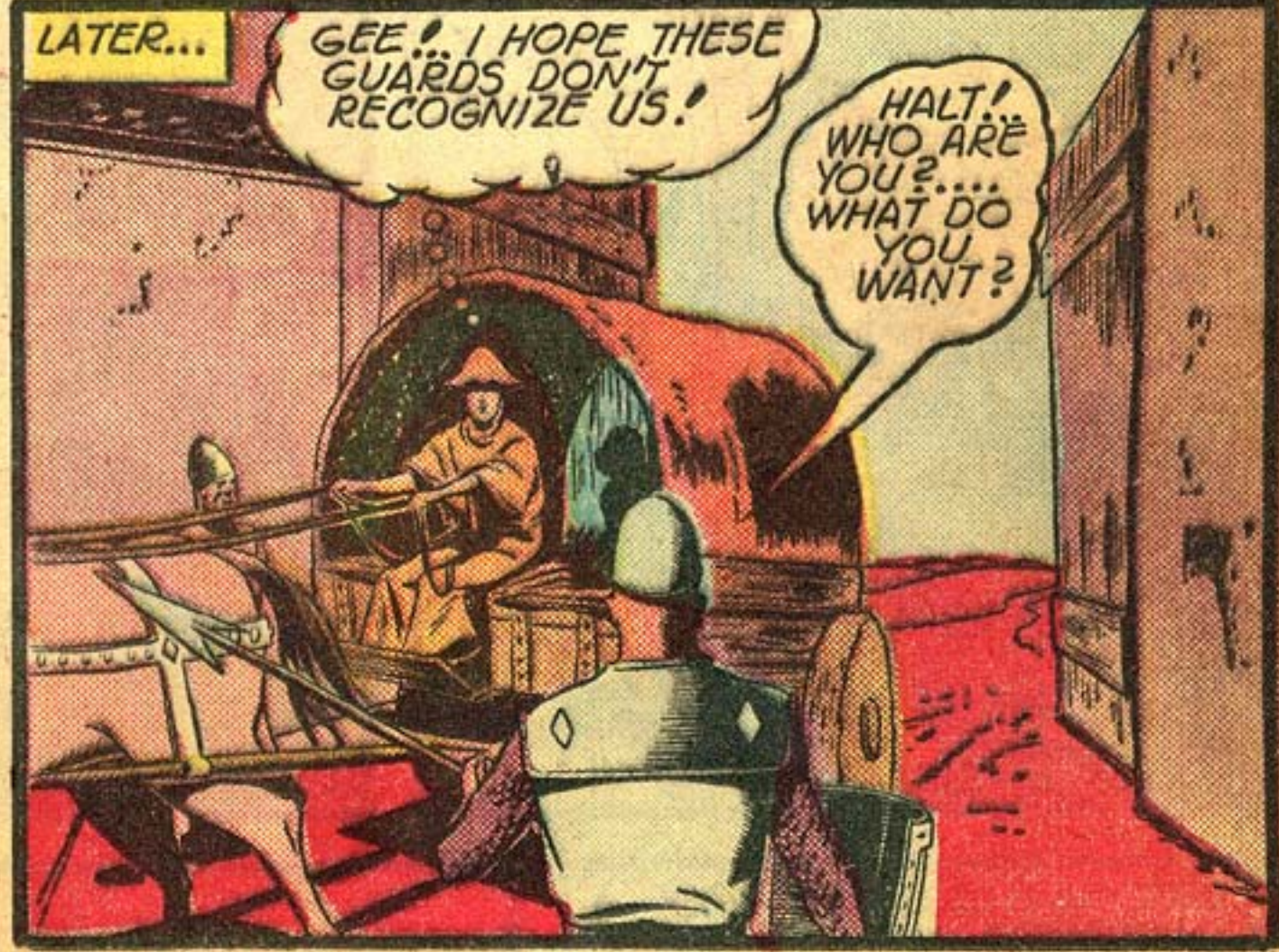


GOLLY! IT
WORKED!
THE PRIN-
CESS IS
ALIVE
AGAIN!

GULP!... AIN'T
SHE PURTY!
GOLLY!... I
COULD GO
FOR HER
MYSELF!



THE FAIRY GOD-MOTHER APPEARS
AGAIN...
YOU MUST RETURN TO
THE CITY IN HASTE! THE
WEDDING IS ABOUT TO
BEGIN! I WILL GIVE
YOU ALL A DISGUISE!



LATER...

GEE! I HOPE THESE
GUARDS DON'T
RECOGNIZE US!

HALT!
WHO ARE
YOU?...
WHAT DO
YOU
WANT?



IT'S JUST ME 'N MY SISTER 'N HER
BABY!... WE'RE HERE TO DO
SOME SHOPPIN'!



HMMM!.. GUESS
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!.. YOU
MAY PASS!

GLUG... URGGLE..
WUGGLE...
GOO!



DANNY WENDS HIS
WAY TOWARD THE
CASTLE.

IN THE CASTLE...

DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED WIFE?

I DO!



IF ANY KNOW WHY THESE TWO SHOULD NOT BE JOINED IN HOLY WEDLOCK, LET HIM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD HIS PEACE!

TEE HEE!



SUDDENLY...

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND....

STOP!



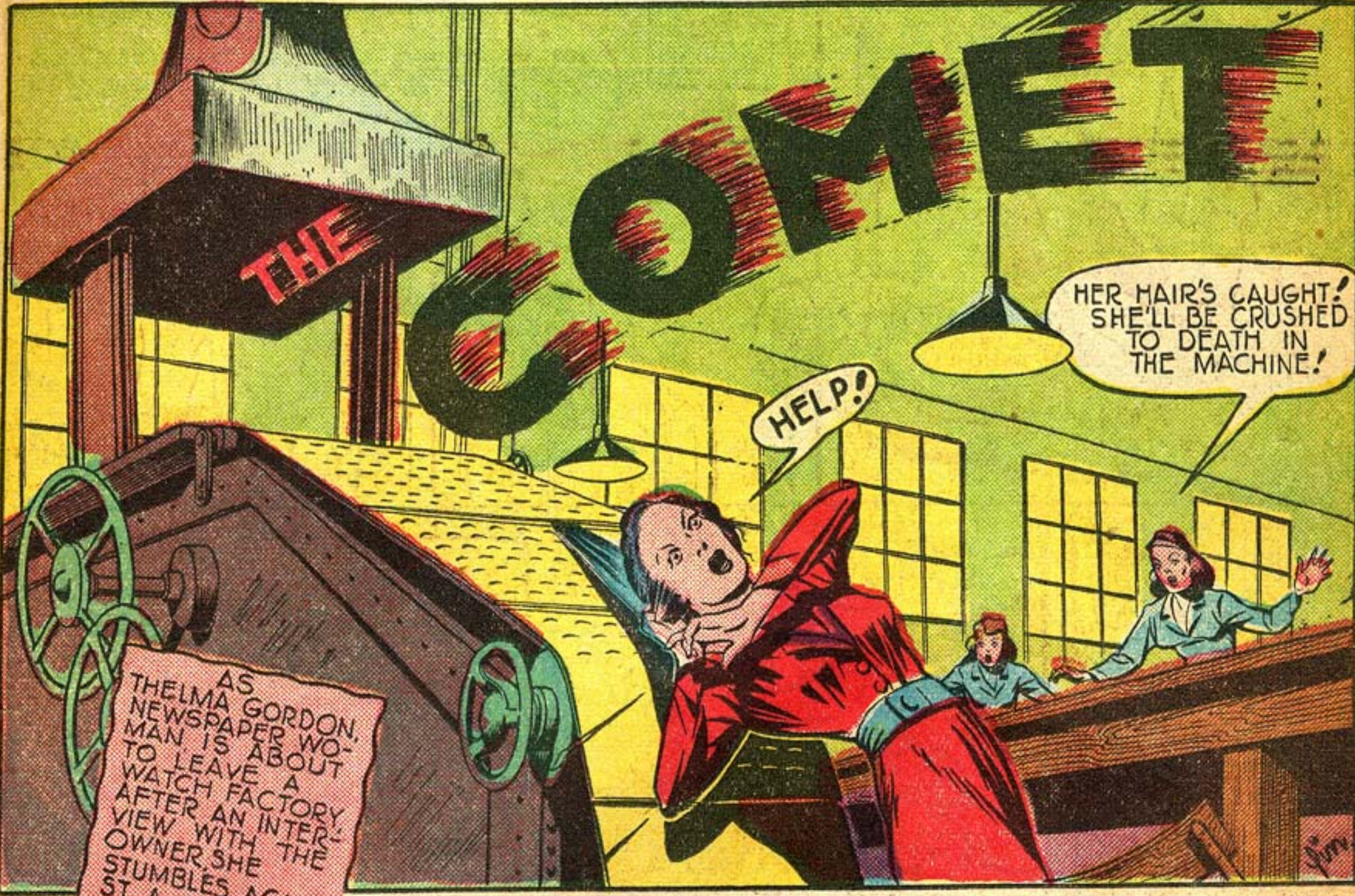
THIS MAGIC MIRROR WILL TELL THE TRUTH, YOUR MAJESTY!

HEAVENS! SHE'S A WITCH!



THROW HER AND HER UGLY DAUGHTER INTO THE DUNGEONS! MY OWN SWEET DAUGHTER SHALL MARRY THE PRINCE! PROCEED WITH THE CEREMONY!

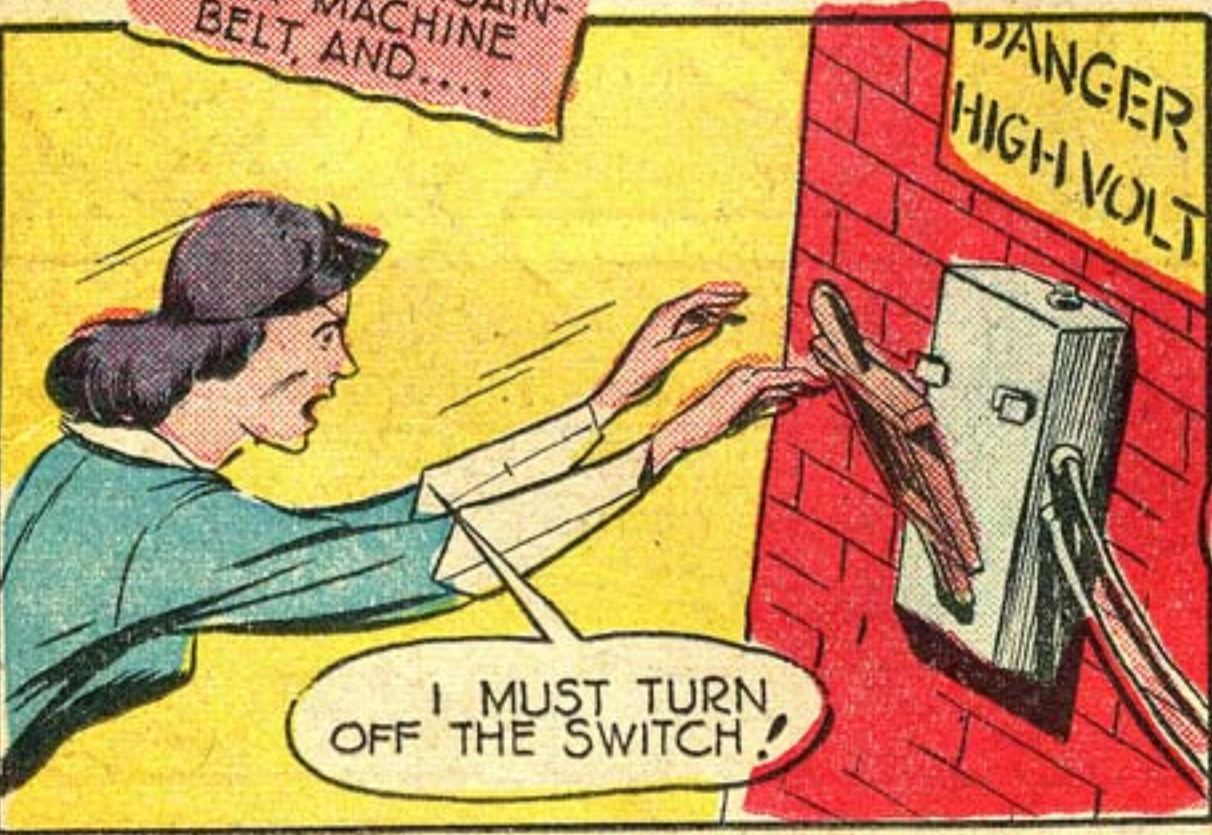




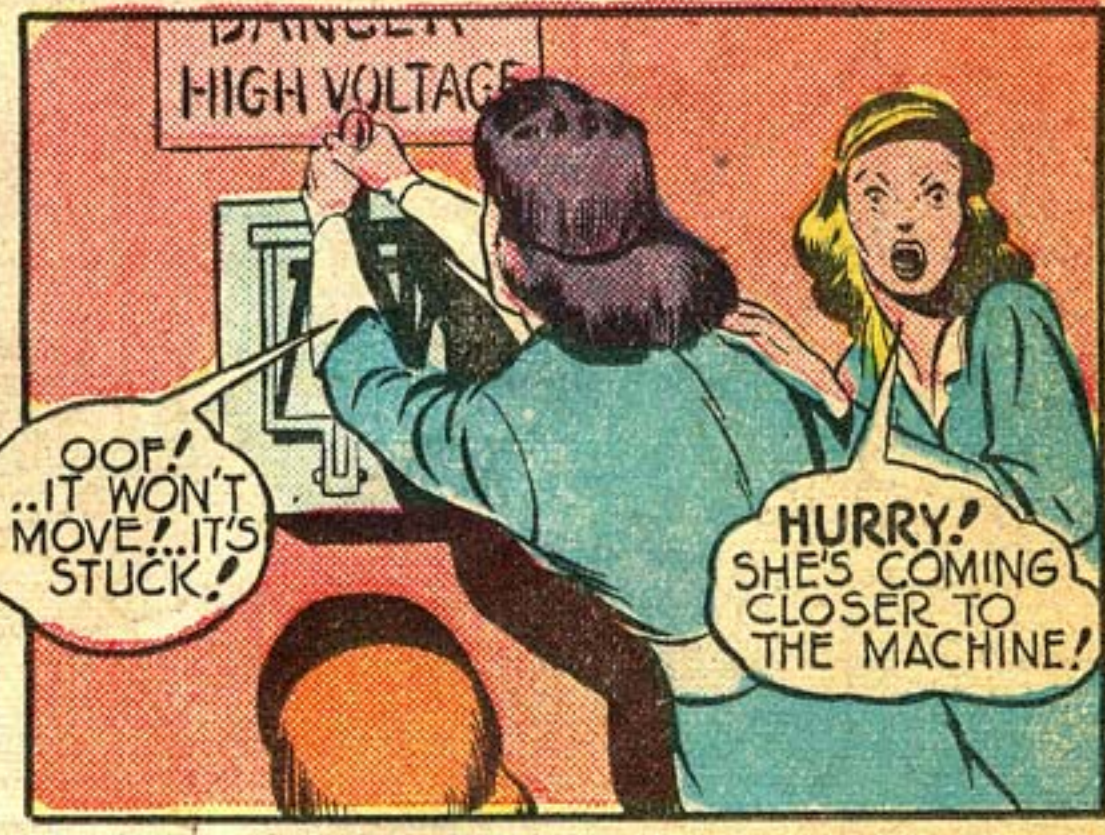
HER HAIR'S CAUGHT!
SHE'LL BE CRUSHED
TO DEATH IN
THE MACHINE!

HELP!

AS
THELMA GORDON,
NEWSPAPER WO-
MAN IS ABOUT
TO LEAVE A
WATCH FACTORY
AFTER AN INTER-
VIEW WITH THE
OWNER, SHE
STUMBLES AGAIN-
ST A MACHINE
BELT, AND....



I MUST TURN
OFF THE SWITCH!

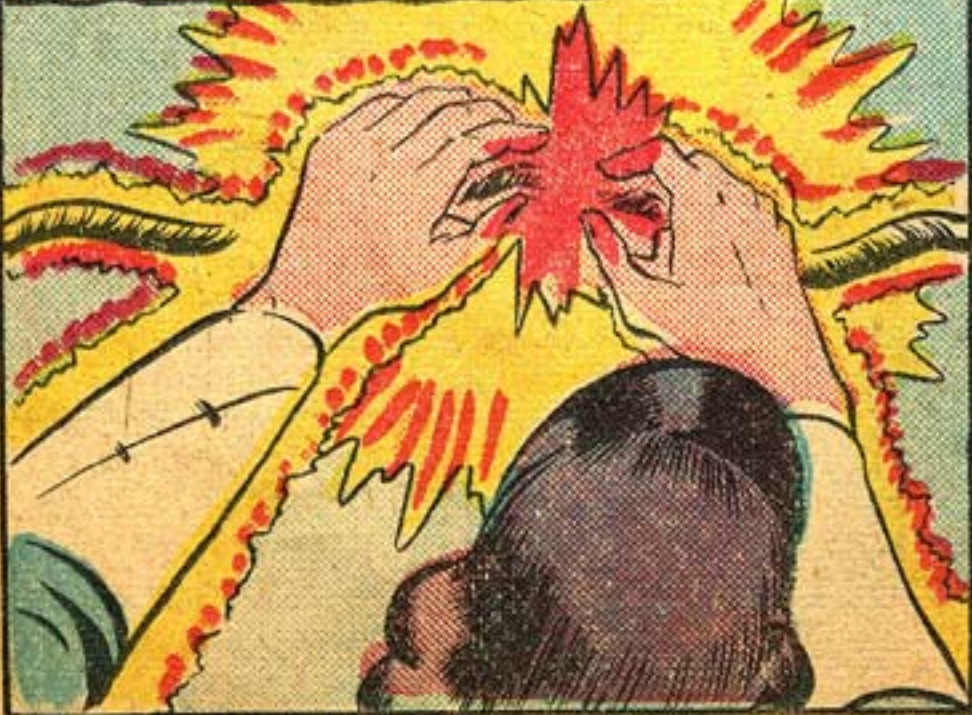


DANGER
HIGH VOLTAGE

OOF!
..IT WON'T
MOVE!..IT'S
STUCK!

HURRY!
SHE'S COMING
CLOSER TO
THE MACHINE!

THE GIRL HEROICALLY GRABS THE
HIGHLY CHARGED WIRES AND SHORT
CIRCUITS THEM.....



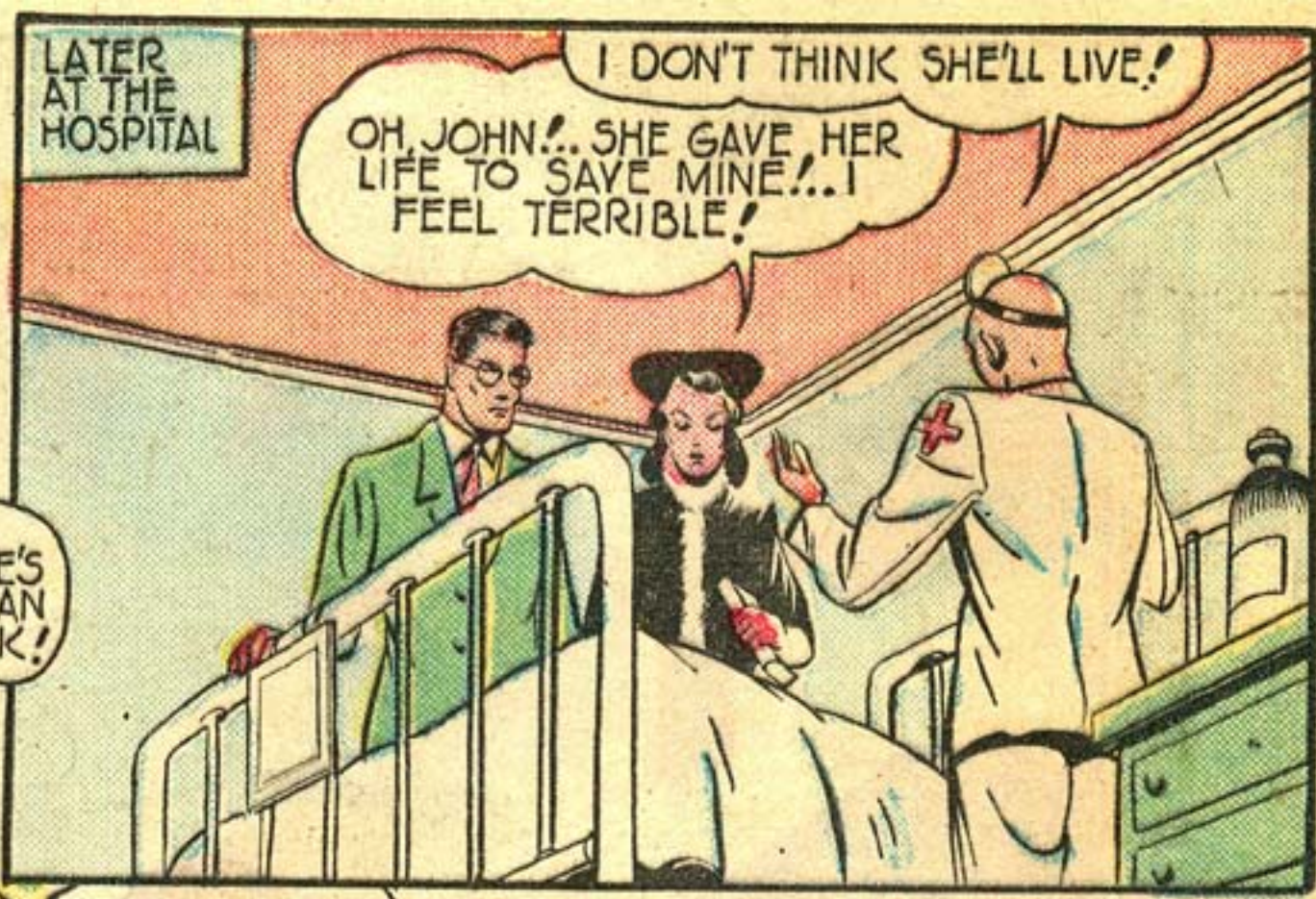
JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!..THELMA IS
SNATCHED FROM THE VERY JAWS OF
A HORRIBLE DEATH!





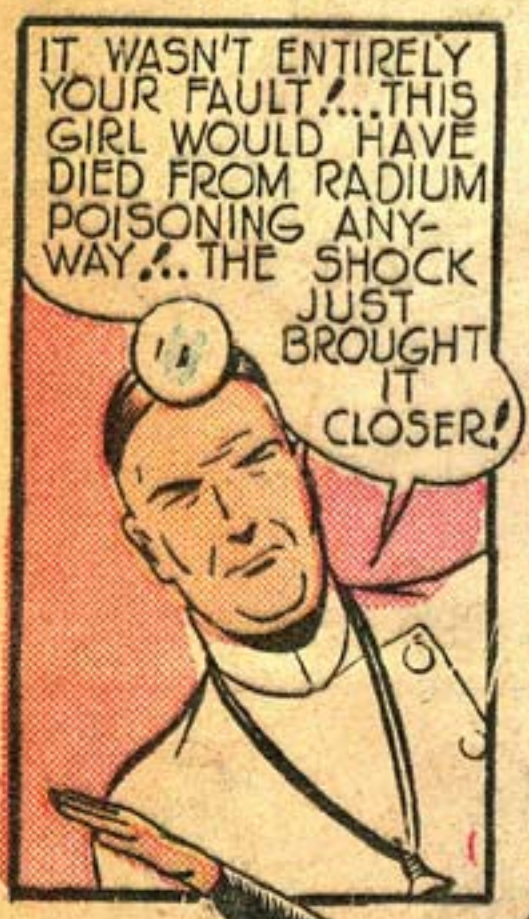
WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

THIS GIRL SAVED MY LIFE! SHE'S BADLY HURT!.. CALL AN AMBULANCE, QUICK!



LATER AT THE HOSPITAL

I DON'T THINK SHE'LL LIVE!
OH, JOHN!.. SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO SAVE MINE!.. I FEEL TERRIBLE!

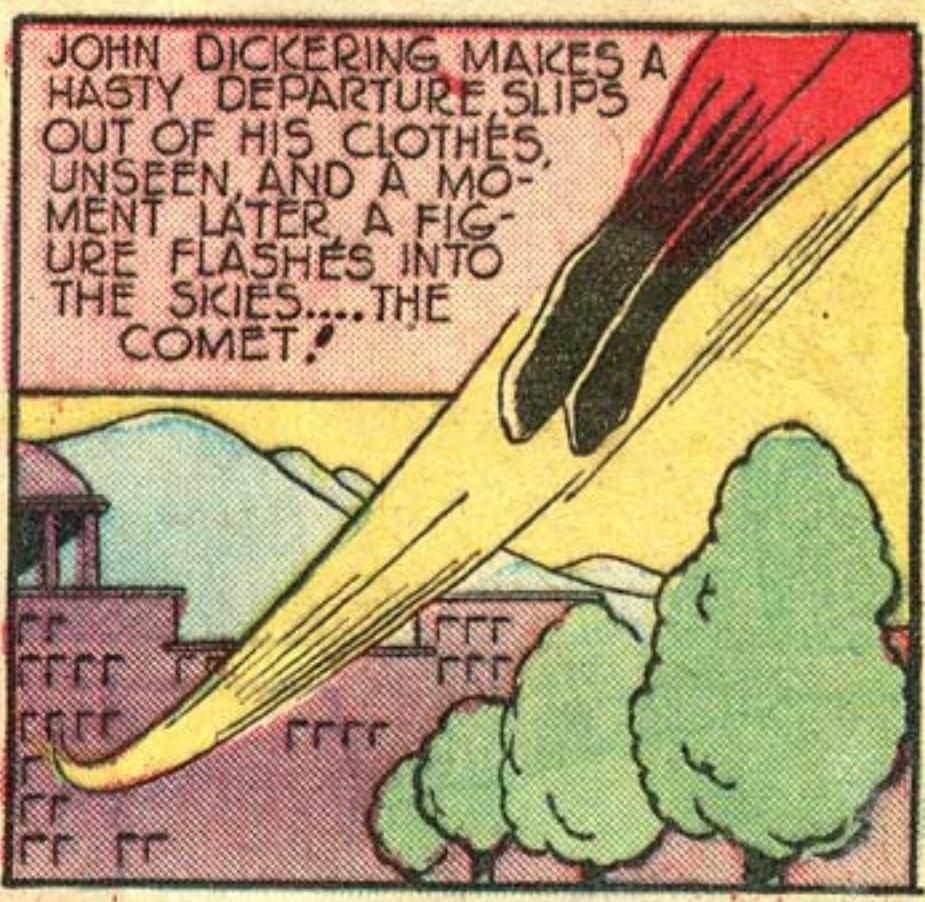


IT WASN'T ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT!.. THIS GIRL WOULD HAVE DIED FROM RADIUM POISONING ANYWAY!.. THE SHOCK JUST BROUGHT IT CLOSER!

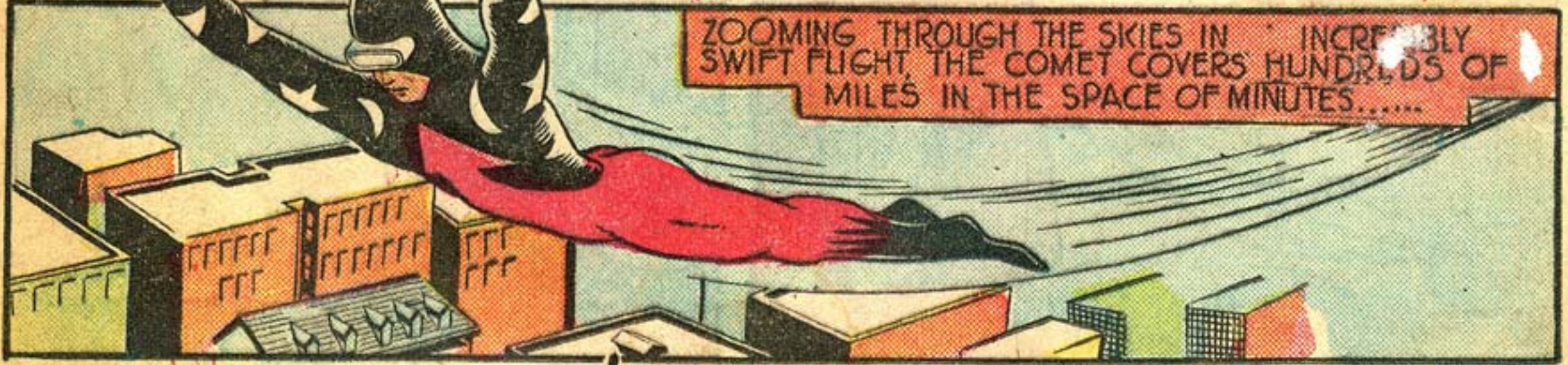


ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO COULD HELP HER?

WELL, THERE'S A FAMOUS SURGEON WHO'S MADE EXPERIMENTS... HE'S TOO FAR AWAY AND THIS POOR GIRL CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!



JOHN DICKERING MAKES A HASTY DEPARTURE SLIPS OUT OF HIS CLOTHES, UNSEEN, AND A MOMENT LATER, A FIGURE FLASHES INTO THE SKIES... THE COMET!



ZOOMING THROUGH THE SKIES IN INCREASINGLY SWIFT FLIGHT, THE COMET COVERS HUNDREDS OF MILES IN THE SPACE OF MINUTES.....



...AND INTO A HOSPITAL WINDOW..

ARE YOU DR. FERGUSON?

TH... THE COMET! Y.. YES!.. BUT WHO.. WHAT?



YOU'VE MADE A STUDY OF RADIUM POISONING!.. CAN YOU SAVE A VICTIM?

I HAVEN'T TRIED YET, BUT I THINK I COULD!



I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE WAY, DOCTOR! RIGHT NOW YOU'RE GOING PLACES!

STOP! COME BACK!

HELP! LET ME DOWN! (GULP) NO... DON'T LET ME DOWN!



HERE WE ARE DOCTOR, PLEASE FORGIVE MY BRUSQUENESS, BUT IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

ALL RIGHT I'LL DO MY BEST!



LATER... +

YOU CAN COME IN, NOW!

HOW IS SHE, DOCTOR?



IT WAS VERY CLOSE BUT SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

OH, I'M SO GLAD!

YOU SAVED ME...HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?



IF ONLY THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE FACTORY COULD BE SAVED, TOO!

WELL, WHY NOT?...WE KNOW IT CAN BE DONE!



BUT THE OPERATION IS EXPENSIVE AND THEY HAVE NO MONEY...IF YOU HADN'T PAID FOR ME, I WOULD'VE DIED, TOO!

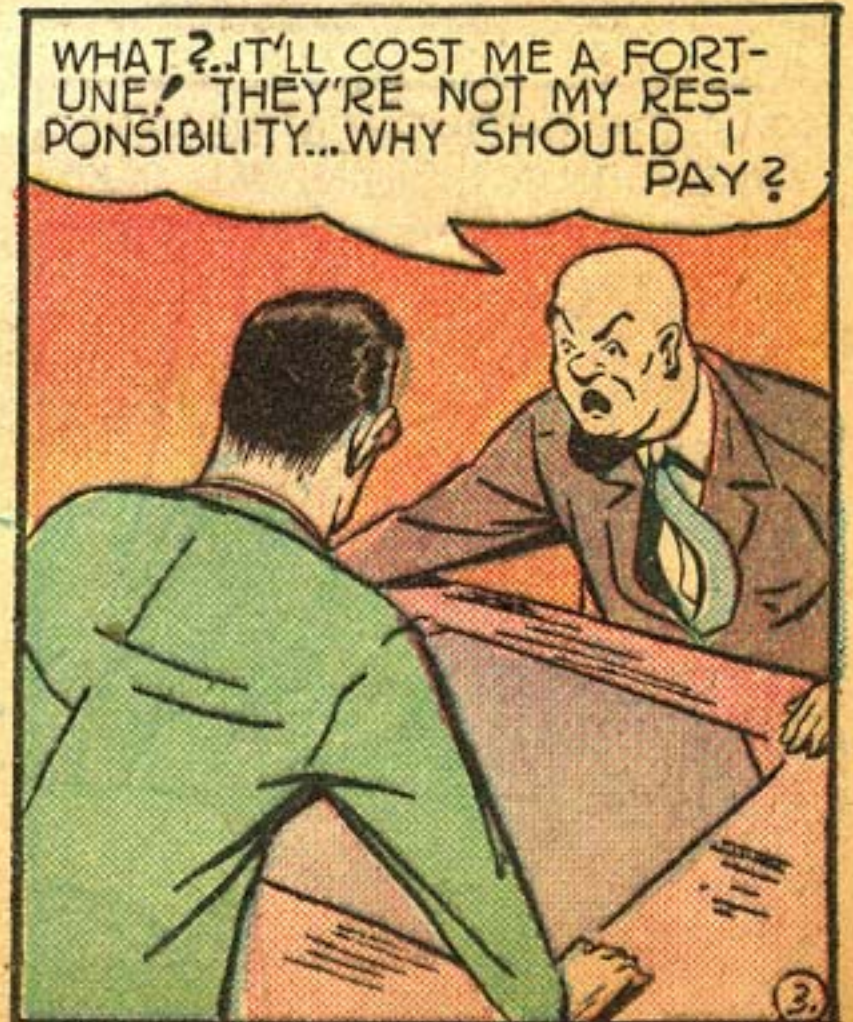


THE EMPLOYER WILL SURELY PAY THE BILLS!..I'M GOING TO SEE HIM NOW THEL!

YES JOHN!



I'M SURE HE'LL BE REASONABLE!..WELL, HERE GOES!



WHAT?...IT'LL COST ME A FORTUNE! THEY'RE NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY...WHY SHOULD I PAY?

BUT WHAT DOES MONEY MATTER WHEN HUMAN LIVES ARE AT STAKE?... I DON'T WISH TO THREATEN YOU BUT I'M WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE COMET, AND IF YOU PERSIST IN REFUSING, WELL.....



GET OUT! YOU CAN'T FRIGHTEN ME!

OKAY! THE COMET WILL FIND OUT IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE OR NOT!



OUTSIDE, JOHN PEERS THRU THE KEYHOLE...

HMM.. THAT LAST REMARK OF MINE SEEMS TO HAVE FLUSTERED MY FRIEND!



I'VE GOTTA GET THESE PAPERS OUT OF MY OFFICE!

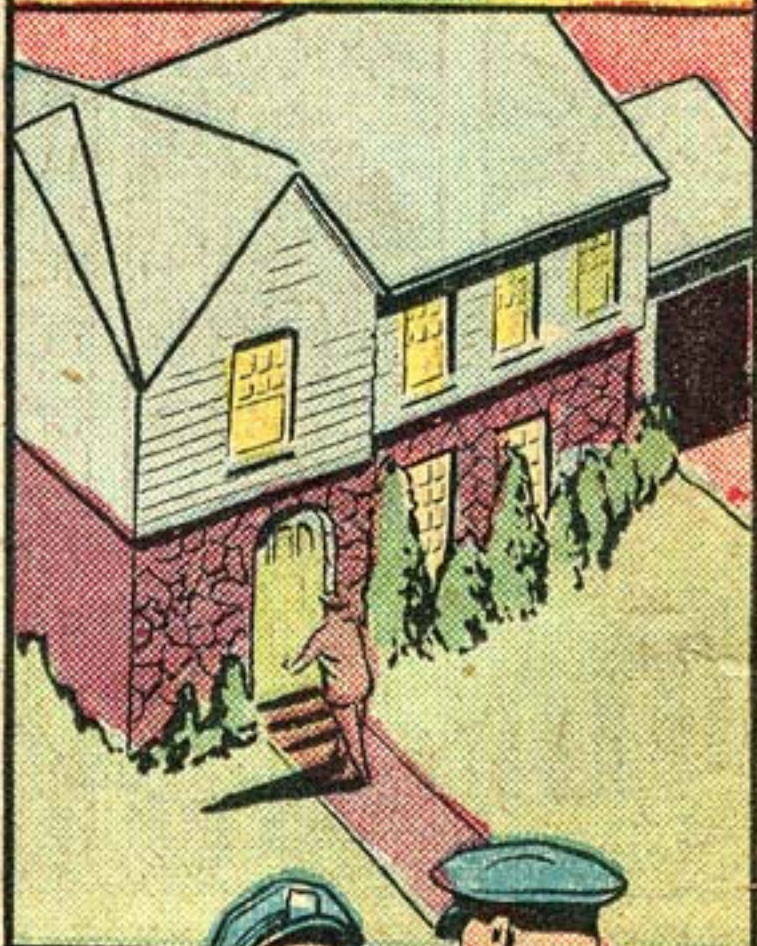


WHAT THE COMET SAW..

IF THE COMET WERE TO FIND THEM, MY GOOSE WOULD BE COOKED! I'LL TAKE THEM HOME AND DESTROY THEM THE FIRST CHANCE I GET!



THE EMPLOYER ARRIVES AT HOME, MAKES FOR HIS LIBRARY AND.....



DEPOSITS THE IMPLICATING PAPERS IN A HIDDEN WALL SAFE



NOW, I'LL CALL THE POLICE FOR PROTECTION! JUST LET THE COMET COME HERE, NOW!



IF THE COMET TRIES TO GET INTO THIS HOUSE, WE'LL NAB HIM THIS TIME, SURE!





LOOK! THERE HE GOES, SHOOT TO KILL!



THE COMET PLUMMETS LIKE A BULLET THROUGH THE WINDOW



AFTER A CAREFUL SEARCH HE LOCATES THE WALL SAFE.

I'LL JUST LIFT MY VISOR AND SMASH IT OPEN.



I WARNED YOUR FRIEND DICKERING, I'D KILL YOU, AND I WILL, TAKE THAT!

WOW! THAT BULLET CAME TOO CLOSE!



WHO... HELP!!

THE COMET RAISES HIS VISOR.



ANY MORE CUTE IDEAS...

GET OUT OF HERE. LEAVE ME ALONE...



OH! MY FRIENDS, THE POLICE, AGAIN...

THERE HE IS. WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED!



YOU HAD ME CORNERED YOU MEAN!

LEGGO ME! HELP! HELP!



PLEASE DON'T DROP ME! PLEASE!

STOP WHINING! UNFORTUNATELY YOU'RE WORTH MORE ALIVE THAN DEAD!

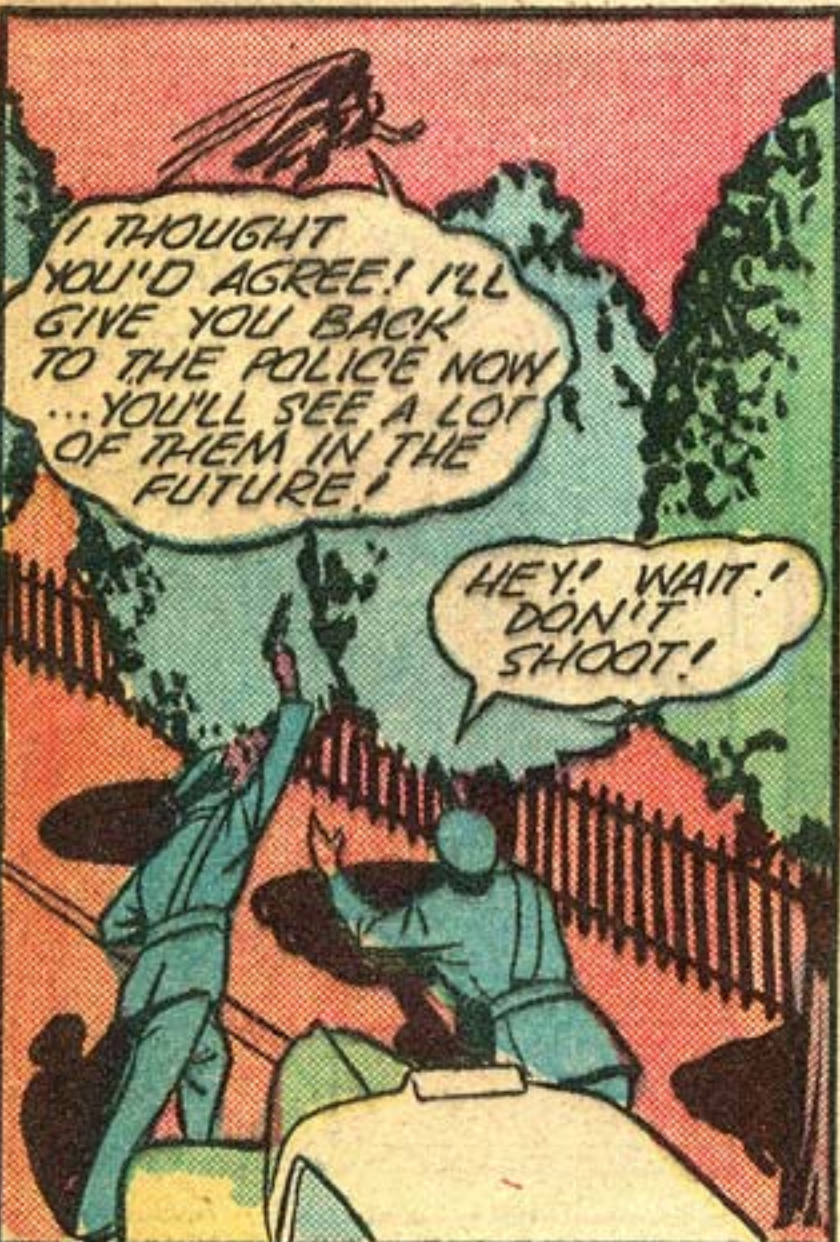


YOU KNEW RADIUM WAS POISONOUS BUT YOU LET YOUR GIRLS USE IT BECAUSE IT WAS CHEAPER!

YOU CAN'T PROVE IT!



THESE PAPERS I FOUND IN YOUR SAFE CAN..... YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THOSE GIRLS' OPERATIONS, OTHERWISE IT'LL BE A MURDER CHARGE YOU'LL FACE!



I THOUGHT YOU'D AGREE! I'LL GIVE YOU BACK TO THE POLICE NOW ... YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF THEM IN THE FUTURE!

HEY! WAIT! DON'T SHOOT!



YOU'RE LIABLE TO HIT THE OTHER GUY!

YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO GET THE COMET!



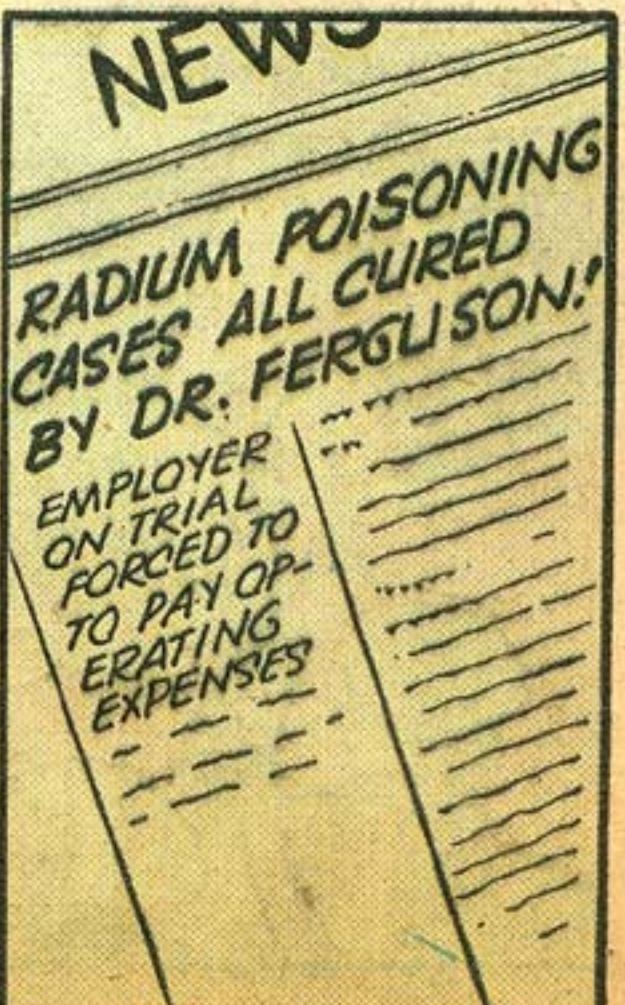
BETTER THINK OF A WAY TO GET THIS WEASEL OFF THE TREE!



NEXT DAY-

OH JOHN! YOU DID IT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THELMA?



NEWS

RADIUM POISONING CASES ALL CURED BY DR. FERGLISON!

EMPLOYER ON TRIAL FORCED TO PAY OPERATING EXPENSES

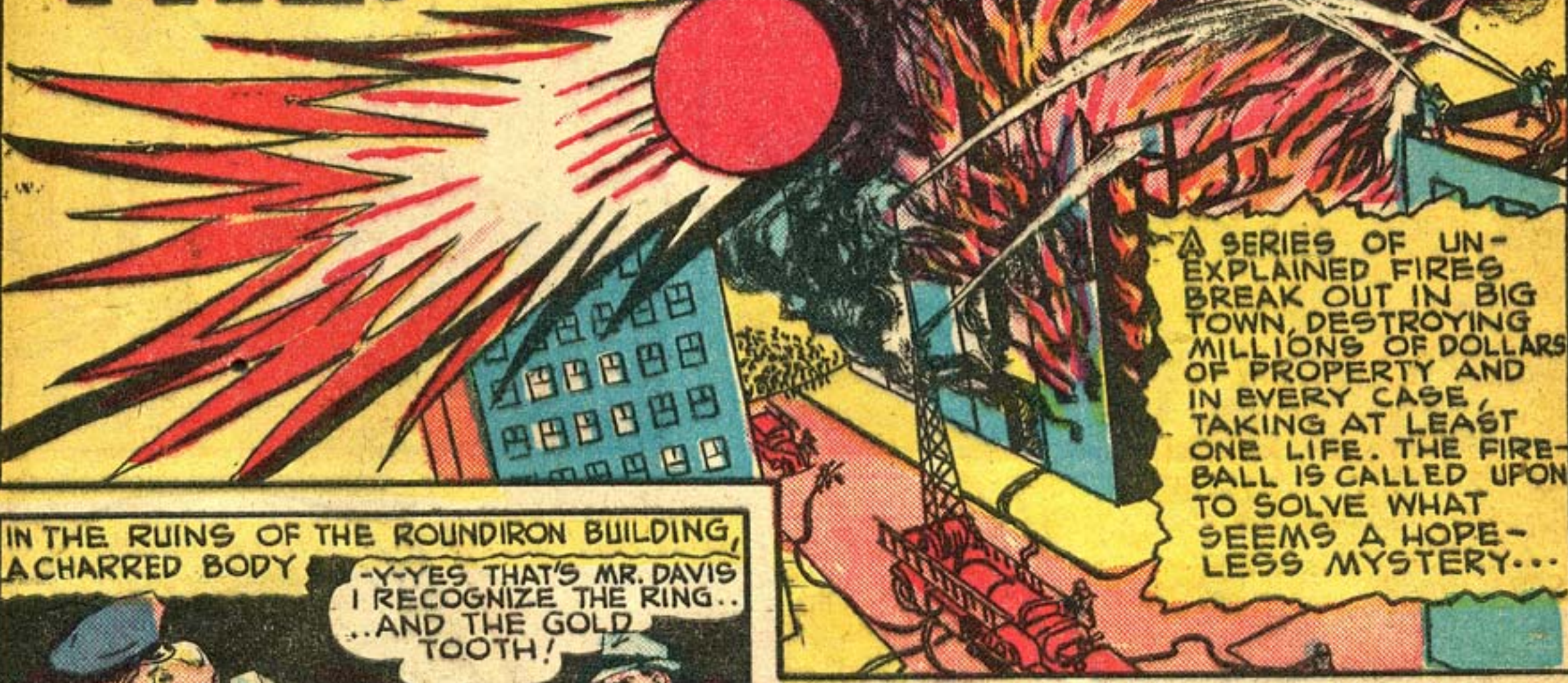


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OH... YOU... YOU... YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

ANOTHER SMASH ADVENTURE OF THE COMET IN THE NEXT PEP COMICS!

THE FIREBALL!



A SERIES OF UN-EXPLAINED FIRES BREAK OUT IN BIG TOWN, DESTROYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PROPERTY AND IN EVERY CASE, TAKING AT LEAST ONE LIFE. THE FIREBALL IS CALLED UPON TO SOLVE WHAT SEEMS A HOPELESS MYSTERY...

IN THE RUINS OF THE ROUNDIRON BUILDING, A CHARRED BODY



-Y-YES THAT'S MR. DAVIS I RECOGNIZE THE RING.. ..AND THE GOLD TOOTH!

THANK YOU MISS, THAT'LL BE ALL..

THE FOLLOWING DAY IN AN INSURANCE OFFICE

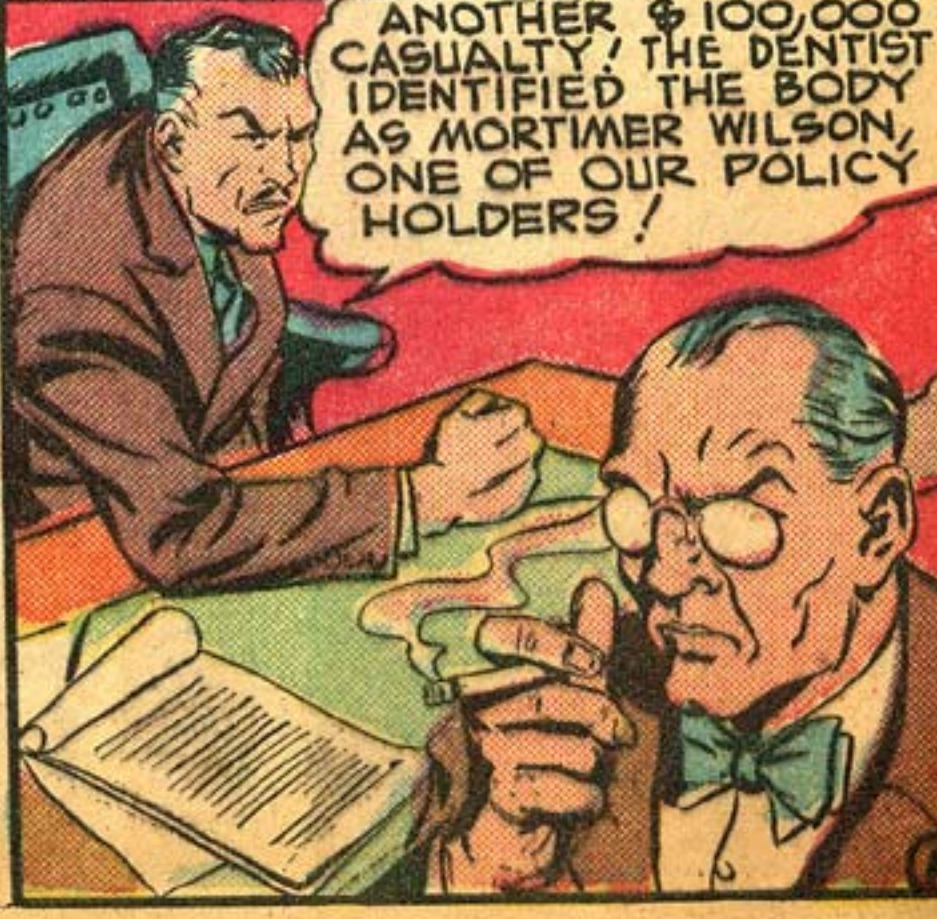


LAST NIGHT'S FIRE COST US \$100,000. HIS DENTIST IDENTIFIED THE DENTAL WORK IN DAVIS' MOUTH

EXACTLY TWO WEEKS LATER ...



THE NEXT MORNING, ANOTHER CONFERENCE



ANOTHER \$100,000 CASUALTY! THE DENTIST IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS MORTIMER WILSON, ONE OF OUR POLICY HOLDERS!

THE FIREBALL'S OFFICE, THE NEXT DAY...

THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THESE FIRES. THINK THE OWNERS SET 'EM?

WE THOUGHT OF THAT, GLORIA. BUT THE LOSS IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE INSURANCE!



JUST THE SAME IT'S A FUNNY THING THEY HAPPEN EVERY TWO WEEKS AND THE GUY WHO GETS BURNED IS HEAVILY INSURED!



WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE MEN ARE INSURED, NOT THE BUILDINGS!



AT THE INSURANCE COMPANY...

DO OUR BOOKS TELL YOU ANYTHING?

YES! THEY SHOW THAT THE LAST FIVE FIRES TOOK YOUR BIGGEST POLICY HOLDERS!



YES, WE'VE BEEN HIT BADLY. ONE OR TWO MORE BIG FIRES AND WE'LL BE BANKRUPT!



YOUR NEXT BIGGEST INSUREE IS JOHN THOMAS WITH OFFICES IN THE ORANGE STATE BUILDING. THINK I'D BETTER PAY HIM A VISIT!



GLORIA, IF YOUR THEORY IS RIGHT, TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT. IT'S EXACTLY TWO WEEKS SINCE THE LAST FIRE. I'M HOPING FOR SOME ACTION. STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR MY CALL!

BE CAREFUL TED!



THAT NIGHT ON THE ROOF OF THE ORANGE STATE BUILDING THE FIREBALL PEERS THROUGH A SKYLIGHT!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS NOW, I SHOULD HAVE A RINGSIDE SEAT.



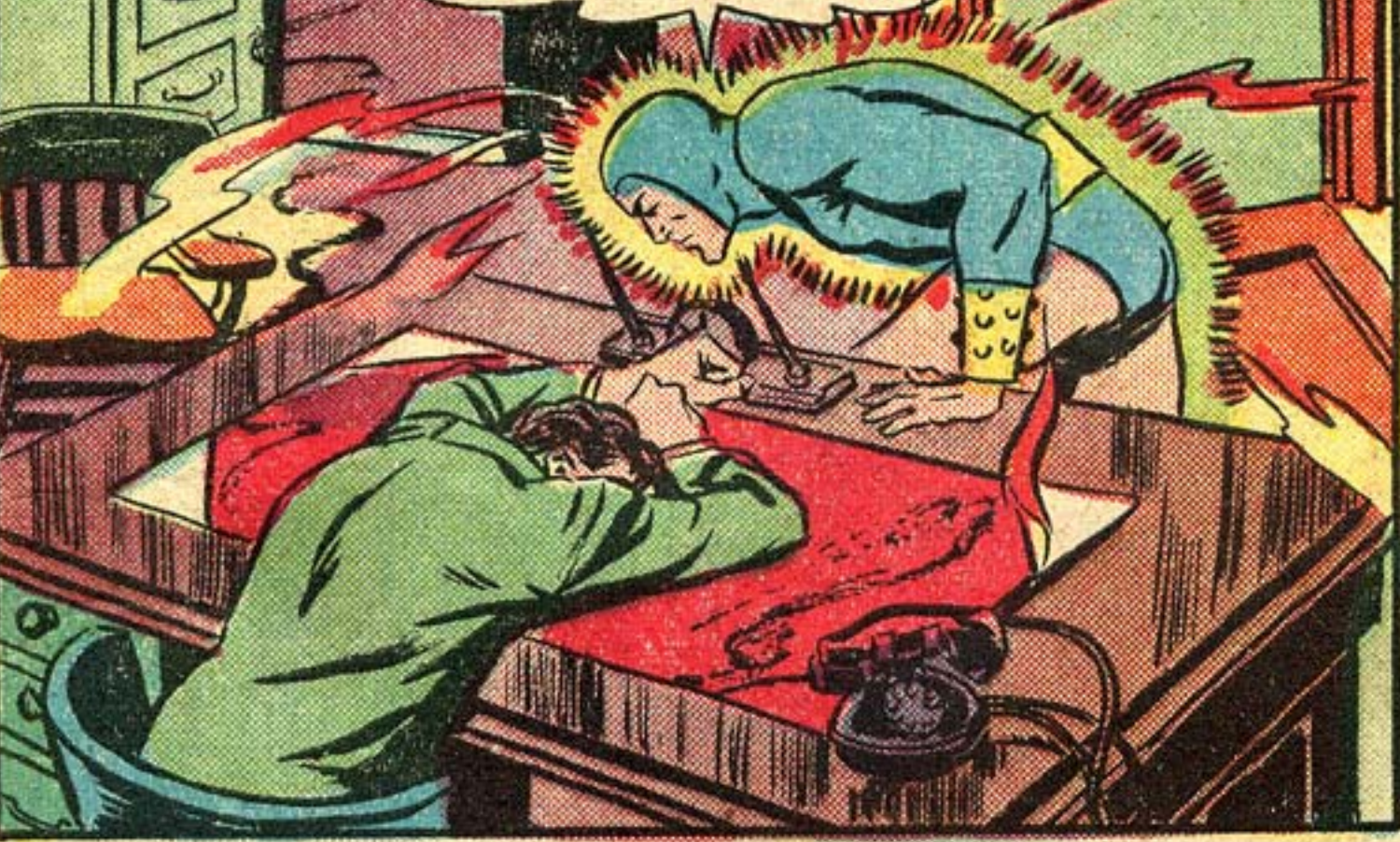
SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

SMOKE!
GLORIA'S HUNCH
WAS RIGHT!



THE FIREBALL ABSORBS THE FLAME WITH HIS SUPER-HEATED BODY.

HMM KEROSENE ON
THE BODY TOO, EH?



HELLO! GLORIA? HOP
UP TO THOMAS' OFFICE
WITH THE INSURANCE AD-
JUSTER AND HAVE HIM
BRING HIS DENTAL
CHARTS!



A FEW HOURS LATER...

I CAN ASSURE YOU,
THAT MAN IS NOT
JOHN THOMAS!

THE DENTAL
CHARTS CHECK
PERFECTLY!

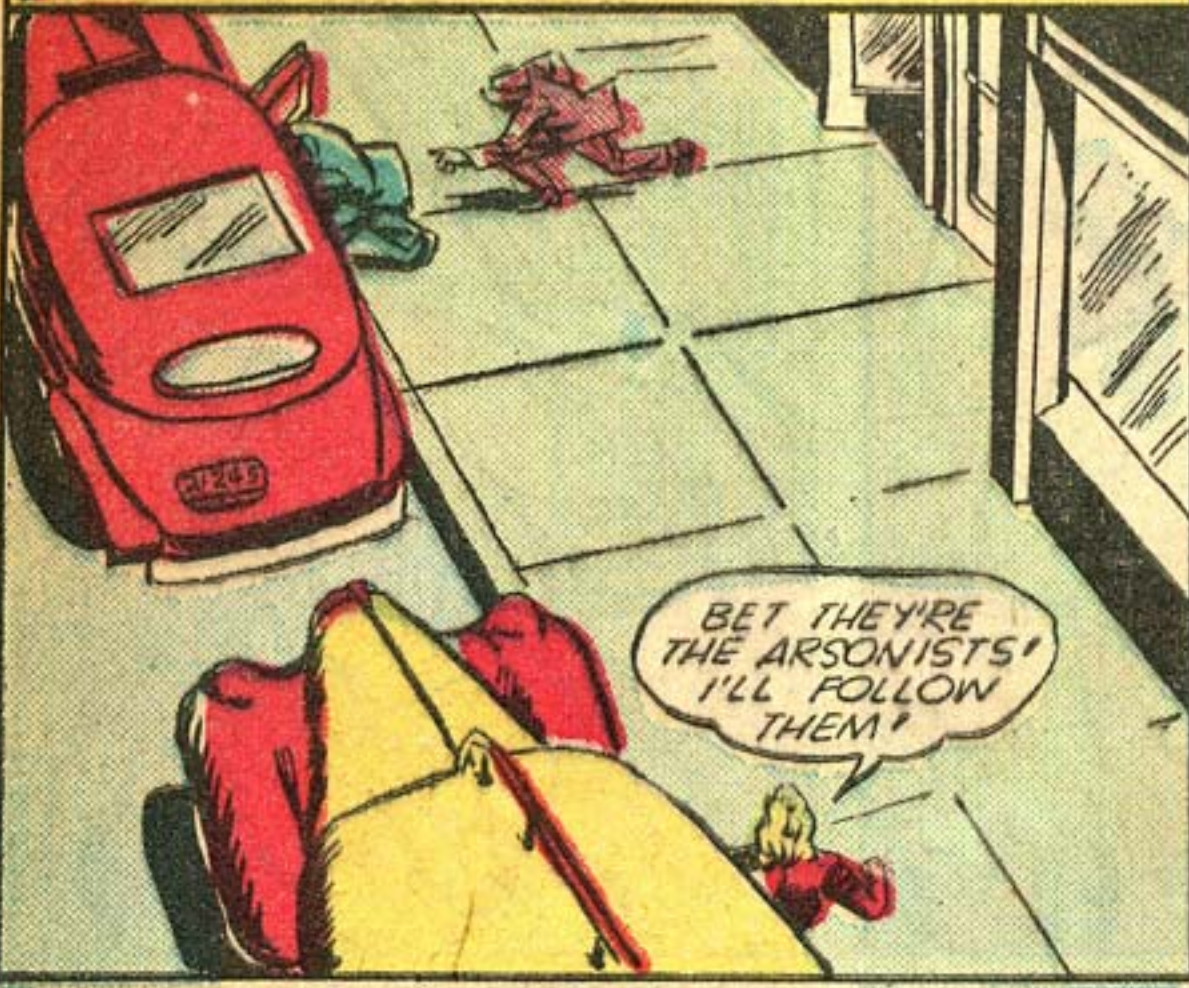


IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY
YOU'LL SEE THAT MAN HAS
BEEN DEAD SOME TIME -
THE DENTAL WORK WAS
PUT IN AFTER DEATH.
IT'S A SHAKEDOWN!

THOSE
OTHER
MEN?

ALL FAKES.
YOU'VE BEEN
SWINDLED!

MEANWHILE GLORIA WAITS ON THE STREET BELOW



BET THEY'RE THE ARSONISTS! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



21245 IS THE CAB'S NUMBER LOOK, CABBY, HERE'S A FIVER-TAKE THIS NOTE OVER TO TED TYLER IN MR. THOMAS OFFICE!

IT'S AS GOOD AS THERE!

THE GANGSTERS DISCOVER GLORIA'S PURSUING CAR!



A DAME'S BEEN TAILIN' US SINCE WE LEFT THE BUILDING!

LET HER COME WE'LL NAB HER AT THE HIDEOUT!

AT THE WATERFRONT.



THIS IS IT NOW SCRAM!



THEY WENT IN HERE I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS BUT I'VE GOT TO RISK IT!

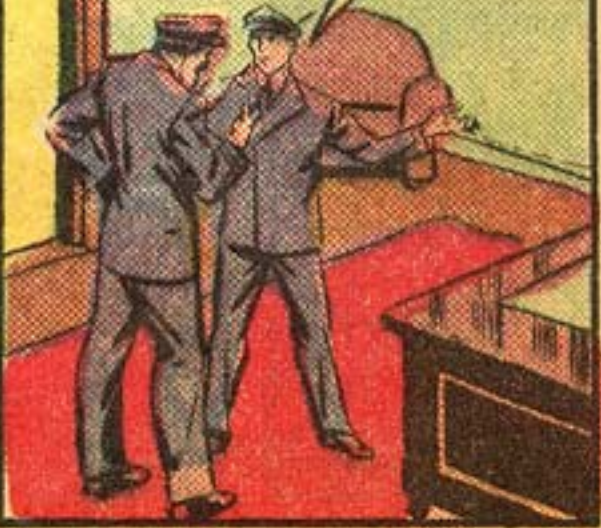


OKAY, SNOOPER! THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE OFFICE

I AM FOLLOWING SUSPECTED ARSONISTS IN CAB NO 21245 GLORIA!

THAT'S LEFTY'S NUMBER HE'LL COME BACK TO THE STAND!



FEW MINUTES LATER, LEFTY'S CAB RETURNS TO THE HACK LINE



SURE, I REMEMBER THAT FARE

TAKE ME TO WHERE YOU DROPPED THEM OFF

PUBLIC HACK STAND 6 CABS

WHAT'S THIS?

ONE OF THE FIRE-BALL'S STOOGES. HE SPOTTED THE STIFF WE PLANTED IN YOUR OFFICE! AND SHE FOLLOWED US!

SHE FOLLOWED YOU? WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER. DOC'S IN BACK FIXING UP ANOTHER STIFF. TAKE HER BACK AND HEAT HER!

WHAT'S UP?

WE'RE SPOTTED! WE'RE GETTING RID OF THIS DAME AND LAMMING!

THE FIREBALL ARRIVES ON THE SCENE!... INSTANTLY THE GANG IS SURROUNDED WITH A WALL OF FIRE!

HOPE I HAVEN'T INTERRUPTED ANYTHING!

HELP! TED! HEL-LLP!

THE FIREBALL!

BUT THE WALL OF FIRE HAS IGNITED THE KEROSENE IN THE ROOM WHERE GLORIA IS HELD PRISONER.

TED! KEROSENE! I'M ON FIRE!

THE FIREBALL THROWS HIS ARMS ABOUT HER AND QUICKLY ABSORBS THE FIRE!

THE BULLETS - TH - THEY HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIM!

WE'LL BE ROASTED ALIVE!

NOT IF YOU SIGN A CONFESSION AND RETURN THE INSURANCE MONEY!

IT'S A DEAL!

WHEW! I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER

WELL, THE GANG'S BROKEN UP AND ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

THE FIREBALL APPEARS IN EVERY ISSUE OF PEP COMICS!

Sergeant Boyle

WHAT A BREAK! WHAT WITH COLLINS IN AFRICA, AND THE TONIES BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL, WE PRACTICALLY OWN GREECE! NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT HAVE FUN!



COME TO THINK OF IT, THOUGH, EXCITEMENT HAS HIT A NEW LOW SINCE HE'S GONE!



LISTEN THERE, TWERP! IT WAS YOUR BRAIN-STORM SEEING THIS SHOW! YOU SAW NOTHING BUT THE DRUMMER!

SHUCKS!..SARGE, I NEVER TOLD YOU, BUT ALL MY LIFE I'VE WANTED TO PLAY ONE OF THOSE!



SAY! WE'D BETTER STEP ON IT, OR WE'LL GO WITHOUT CHOW



AND THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T WISH TO... TWERP! WHERE ARE YOU!



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BANG
BANG
BANG



SHOTS! THEY SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THIS STORE!.. THAT POOR SAMP IS PROBABLY GETTING HIMSELF PLUGGED!



LOOK AT ME SARGE! JUST LIKE GENE KRUPA BEATING IT OUT!



IF YOU WANT TO STAY THERE IT'S O.K BY ME! BUT I'M NOT PASSING UP MY VITTLES!

FOOD! THAT REMINDS ME.. I'M HUNGRY, BUT PLENTY!



YOU BIRDS ARE JUST ONE MINUTE TOO LATE! NO MORE STEW!



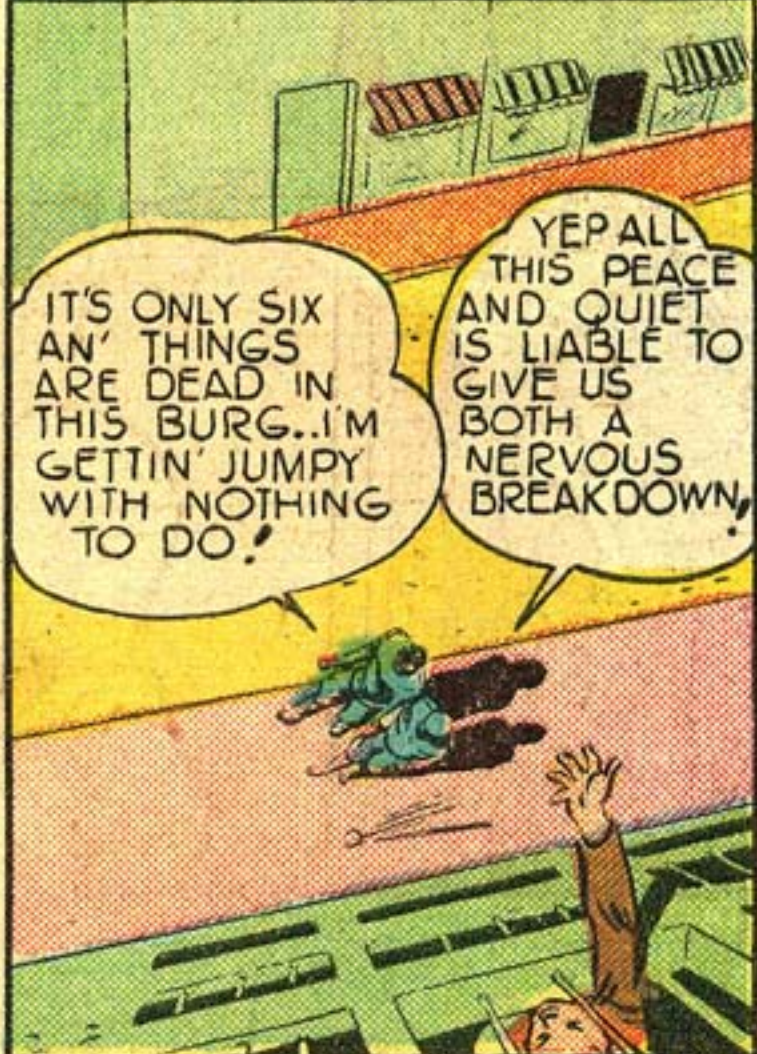
JUST WHAT I THOUGHT! WELL, LET'S START HIKING BACK TO TOWN AND FEED UP!

AWW... DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT SARGE! I KNOW..IT'S ALL MY FAULT!



IT'S ONLY SIX AN' THINGS ARE DEAD IN THIS BURG..I'M GETTIN' JUMPY WITH NOTHING TO DO!

YEP ALL THIS PEACE AND QUIET IS LIABLE TO GIVE US BOTH A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!



SOME BLOKE THREW IT DOWN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR..LET'S SEE WHAT IT IS!

IT'S A NOTE! WHAT SORT OF A JOINT IS THIS BUILDING?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS NOTE..IT'S PLENTY HOT! C'MON TWERP, LET'S LOOK INTO IT?

*I have been put here unjustly. It is important that I speak with some one who loves Greece. This is a matter of life or death!
Hurry!
Quartermaster
Sergeant Acids*



HAW, HAW! I THOUGHT THAT NOTE SOUNDED TOO GOOD! THE GUY'S NUTTY, DARN IT!

I'M NOT SO SURE! A LOT OF THOSE FRUITCAKES HAVE MORE SENSE THAN SOME CAPTAINS I KNOW!





KNOWING THEY WOULD HAVE TROUBLE GETTING INTO THE ASYLUM IN UNIFORM: BOYLE AND TWERP BUY SOME SECOND HAND DUDS..

HA, HA! YOU OUGHT TO WEAR A VEIL ALL THE TIME... ALL SET?

YEAH! BUT I DON'T LIKE THAT CRACK, BOYLE!



WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR BROTHER QUARTER-MASTER, ACIDO! POOR SOUL.. IS HE VIOLENT? HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A SANE BOY!

HE WAS NEVER SICK A DAY IN HIS LIFE, THE DEAR!

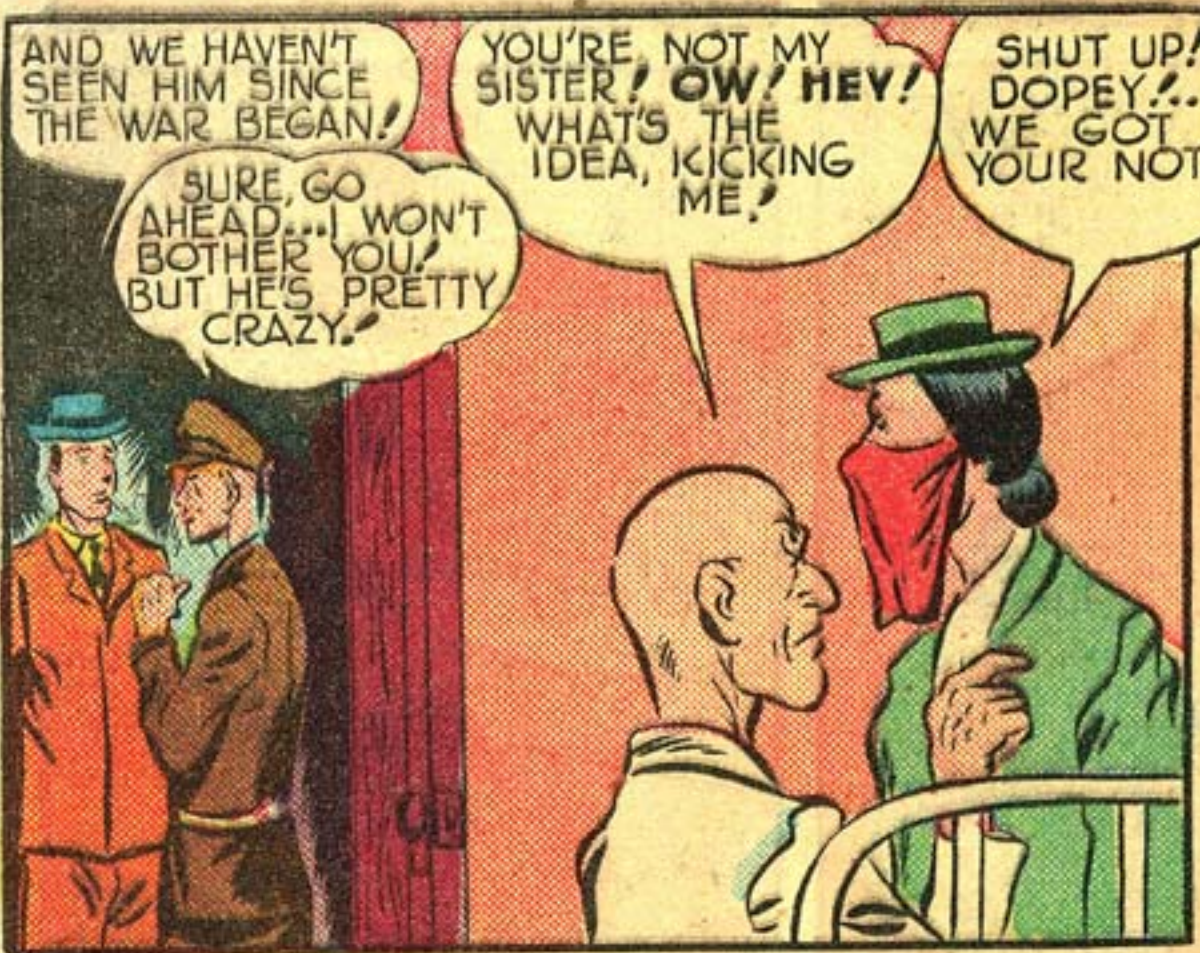
COME THIS WAY!



OH, YOU DEAR, DEAR BOY! HOW YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO ME, YOUR SISTER?

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PSST!



AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THE WAR BEGAN!

YOU'RE NOT MY SISTER! OW! HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA, KICKING ME!

SHUT UP! DOPEY! WE GOT YOUR NOTE!

SURE, GO AHEAD... I WON'T BOTHER YOU, BUT HE'S PRETTY CRAZY.



LISTEN YOU! WE TOOK A BIG RISK COMING HERE SO WHATEVER IT'S ALL ABOUT HAD BETTER BE GOOD! SO LET'S HAVE IT!

THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME! THEY SAY I'M CRAZY BECAUSE..



I HEARD THE HEAD-QUARTER-MASTER TALKING TO A COUPLE OF SPIES ABOUT POISONING ALL THE MOBILE FOOD UNITS. WHEN I TOLD THIS, THEY TESTED THE FOOD AND FOUND IT O.K... THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS IN HERE!

SURE, SURE! THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS THING! ANYTHING ELSE?



YOU MUST HURRY! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THEM FROM EATING TONIGHT! ALL THE MEN WILL BE DEAD IF YOU DON'T! THEN THE ITALIANS WILL BE HERE TO FINISH US ALL!

SURE, YOU BET! GOOD-BYE, NOW!



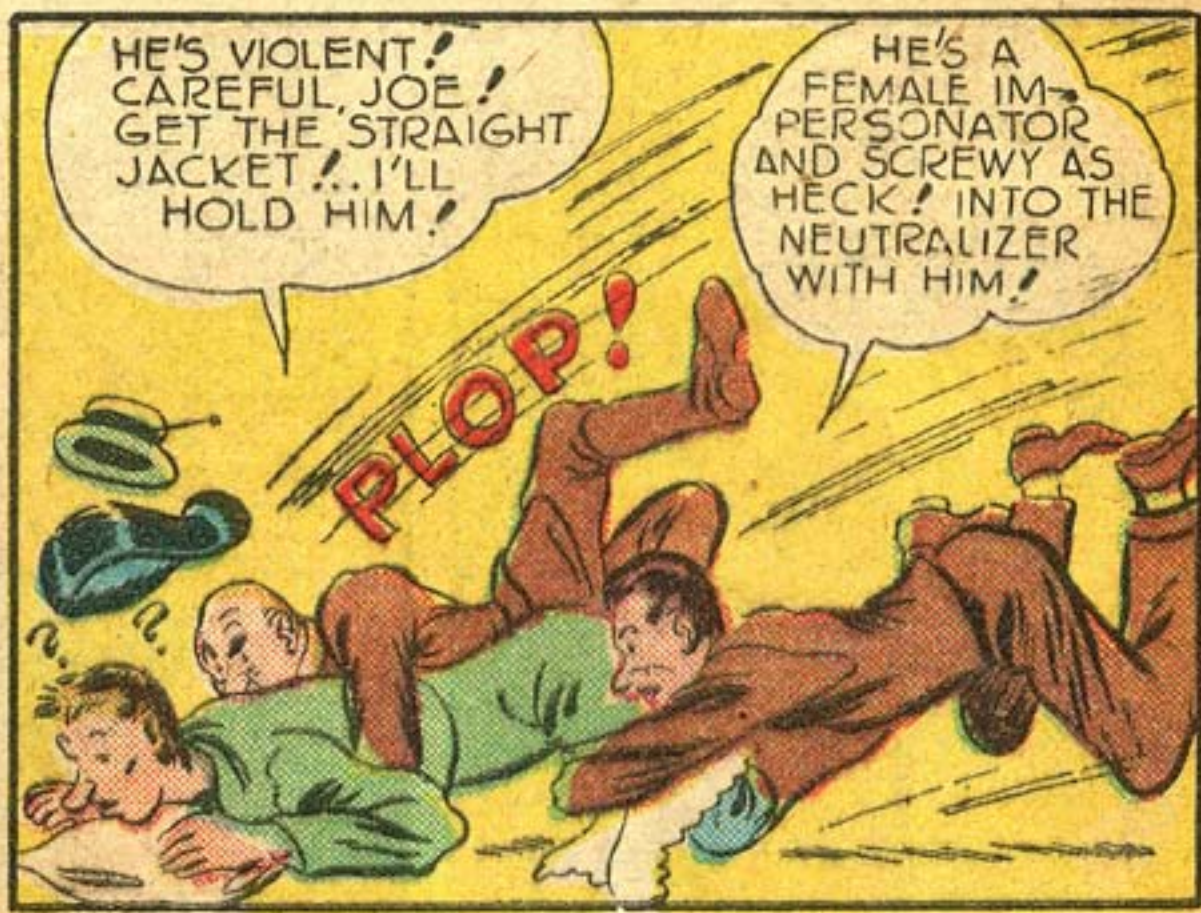
NUTTY AS A FRUITCAKE, POOR SLOB! PROBABLY THINKS EVERYONE IS TRYING TO POISON HIM! ...NOW, WHERE ARE YOU? HEY, TWERP!

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BOYLE!! BOYLE!!
I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!

HMM... MUST BE A NEW PATIENT.. SAY THERE! YOU!... WHAT'S THE HURRY?



HE'S VIOLENT! CAREFUL, JOE! GET THE STRAIGHT JACKET!.. I'LL HOLD HIM!

HE'S A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR AND SCREWY AS HECK! INTO THE NEUTRALIZER WITH HIM!

PLOP!



ONE... TWO... THREE... HEAVE!



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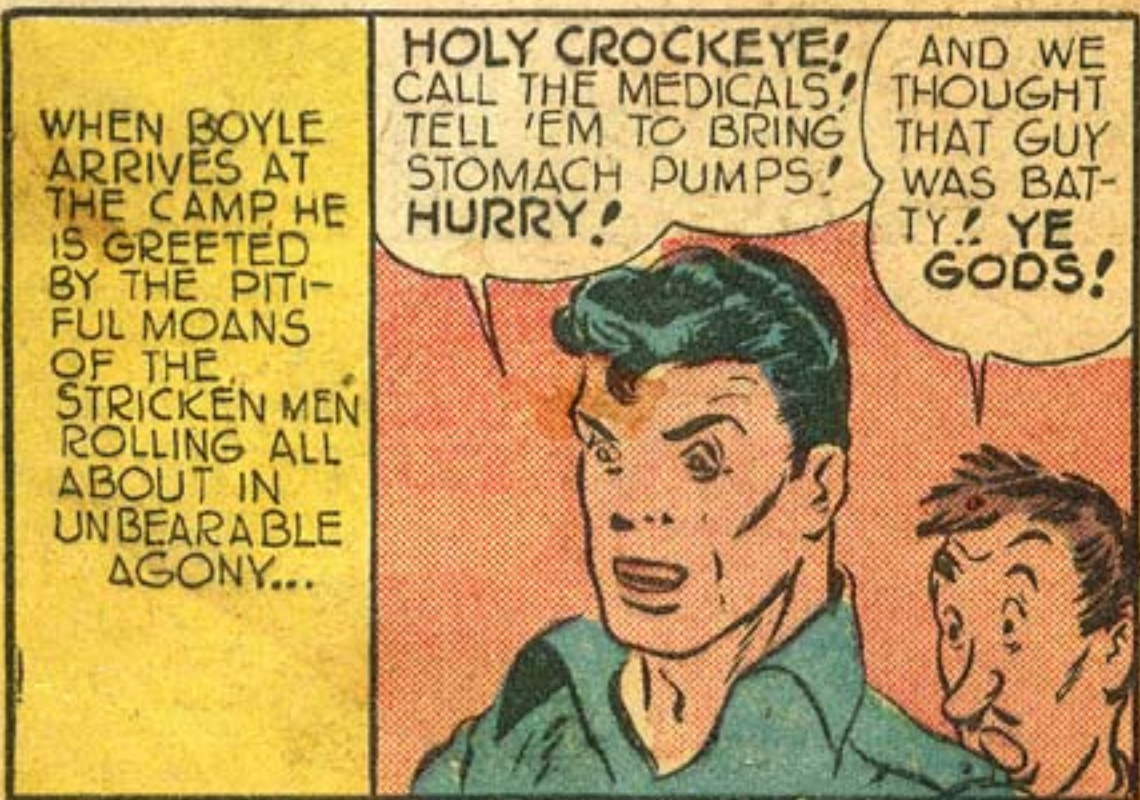
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA! I'LL HAVE YOU SHOT! I'M CAPTAIN TWERP OF THE B.E.F.. I'LL SUE! I'LL GET A LAWYER!.. IF HE'S NOT EXPENSIVE! HELP!



C'MON, SARGE! THEY'RE ALL CRAZY IN THERE... EVEN THE DOCTORS!

WHY YOU'RE ALL WET TWERP!.. AS USUAL! WHAT HAPPENED? DID THEY MISTAKE YOU FOR ONE OF THEIR PATIENTS?

SERVICES ENTRANCES



WHEN BOYLE ARRIVES AT THE CAMP HE IS GREETED BY THE PITIFUL MOANS OF THE STRICKEN MEN ROLLING ALL ABOUT IN UNBEARABLE AGONY...

HOLY CROCKEY! CALL THE MEDICALS! TELL 'EM TO BRING STOMACH PUMPS! HURRY!

AND WE THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS BATTY!.. YE GODS!



OOOH MY STOMACH... I.. I CAN'T STAND IT!.. OOOH!

WE MUST BE POISONED! OOOHHH!

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES STRICKEN!.. THE WHOLE CAMP IS DOWN.. THE SAWBONES ARE COMING!

OOH! UGH! HERE IS BOYLE... GET A DOCTOR, SARGE!



THE AMBULANCES ARE ON THEIR WAY! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, SARGE? THOSE TONIES WILL BE ON US LIKE LOCUSTS! THEY ENGINEERED THIS WHOLE THING!

FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPAGHETTIES, I GATHER THAT THEY WON'T MOVE TILL MORNING... WHEN THEY FIGURE EVERY LAST ONE OF US IS DOWN! LISTEN!.. I HAVE A PLAN!



HOW COME YOU'RE STILL ON YOUR FEET?.. AND SOME OF THOSE OTHERS, TOO!

I DIDN'T EAT MUCH TO-NIGHT AND SOME OF THEM DIDN'T EAT AT ALL!



PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, MEN! YOU ARE THE ONLY ABLE ONES TO SAVE GREECE! WE MUST TAKE A BROAD CHANCE ..THERE ARE ONLY A HUNDRED OF US!



WE MAY FAIL AND IF WE DO, WE'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING! SOME-MAYBE ALL OF US-WILL BE KILLED!..... WE WON'T FAIL! WE CAN'T FAIL! MEN! ARE YOU WITH ME?

SURE! WE'RE WITH YOU! EVERYONE OF US!



GOOD! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU! YOU'LL HAVE SOME ACTING TO DO! CAPTAIN TWERP WILL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS! I'M GOING INTO THEIR LINES AND TRY TO STALL THEM IF I CAN!



BOYLE HAS MADE GOOD HIS PLAN SO FAR..WITH FOX-LIKE CUNNINGNESS HE STEALS INTO THE ITALIAN CAMP

JUST ONE MORE LEFT HOOK AND I'M IN!



I'LL EAT MY SAM BROWN BELT IF THAT ISN'T THEIR GENERAL'S TENT!



WELL, HERE GOES! IT'S SUCCESS OR BUST! HEY, YOU! GET UP!

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IF HE WASN'T SNORING, I'D SWEAR HE WAS DEAD! HEY!



QUIET, BOYLE! DO YOU WANT TO WAKE THE WHOLE ARMY?... MAYBE THIS'LL BRING HIM TO!



OW! PASTA-FASOOL! CARRRAMBA! WHATSA!...

LOOK!...CUE BALL, IT'S ME, BOYLE! SERGEANT BOYLE! I CAME TO BREAK A DATE! PICK UP THAT PHONE AND TALK FAST!



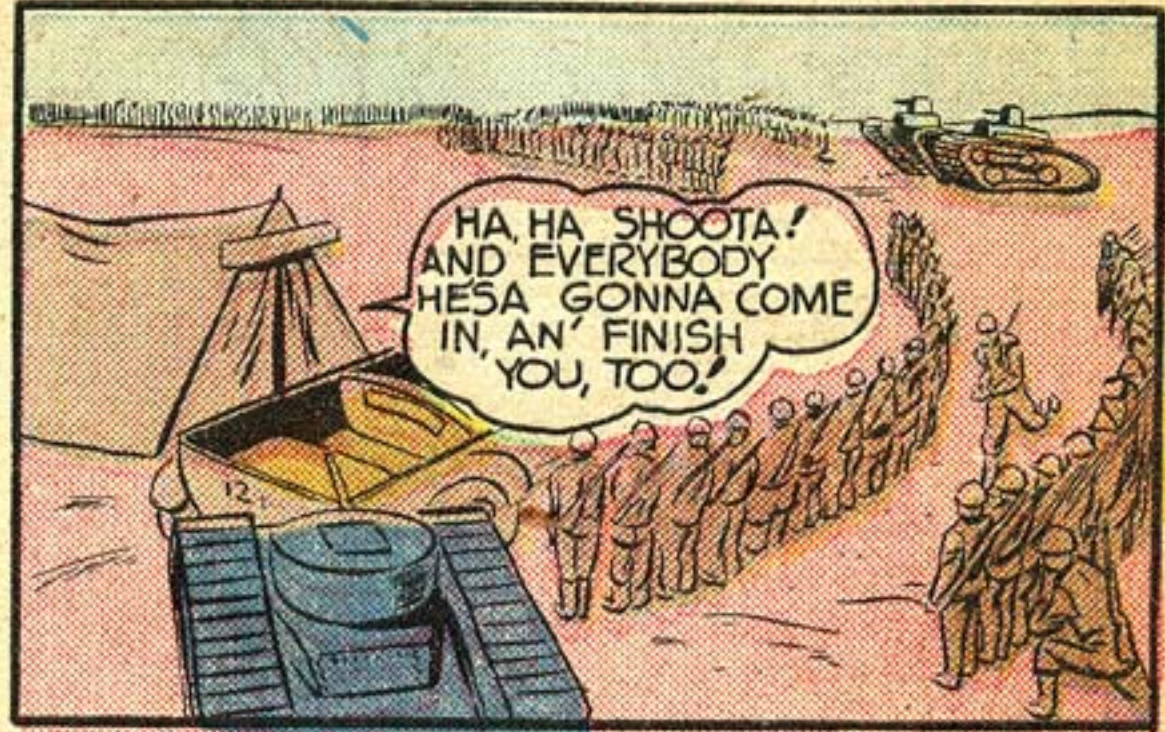
YOU WANTA ME TO STOPA THE ATTACK YES? SURE I DO LIKA YOU SAY, SURE!



TSK, TSK, I'MA SO CLUMSY! LOOKA...I BREAKA DA WIRE, HA! HA!



SEE, ITSA TOO LATE'A THEY BLOW UPA DA ASSEMBLY!



HA, HA SHOOTA! AND EVERYBODY HESA GONNA COME IN, AN' FINISH YOU, TOO!



THE TEST OF NERVES HAS BOYLE MOMENTARILY PUZZLED AS TO HIS NEXT MOVE...THE GENERAL'S CAR IS WAITING AND SO IS THE ENTIRE REGIMENT..THE GENERAL BARKS ORDERS!

STEP INTO THAT CAR AND KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT, OR I'LL FILL YOU FULL OF CHEESE HOLES!

ATTENTION!...WE MARCHA! WE WILL MEETA NO OPPOSITION!... FORWARD!



I MUSTA ADMIRE HISA NERVA, HESA GOT ONEA BEEG NERVA!



THESE DODOES DIDN'T SEE ME SLIP INTO THEIR LINE! I HOPE TWERP GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT AND READY! IT'S OUR LAST HOPE



AT THE APPOINTED PLACE BOYLE SPINS IN HIS TRACK AND...

JUST A MINUTE! I GO OVER THE HILL AND SEE IF THE COAST IS CLEAR!

GOOD YOU GO, WE WAIT!



SO FAR SO GOOD! THE TONIES FELL FOR THE GAG! ...AND BOYLE MEETS HIS MEN IN FRONT

HI!...BOYS, ARE YOU READY TO GO INTO YOUR ACT? GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT?

O.K. LET'S GO, BARRY-MORES!

HYA, SARGE! YES WE'RE READY! TWERP'S ON THE NOISE-MAKERS!

IT SEEMS PRETTY HOPELESS TO US..... WHAT CHANCE DO A HUNDRED MEN STAND AGAINST AN ARMY OF FIFTY THOUSAND!

RUN'A RUN'A FOR YOUR LIVES'A! GREEKSA' MANY GREEKSA'...

MILLIONSA, GREEKSA, PASTAFASOOL RUN!

OOOH! TRILLIONS GREEKSA!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

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BOOM BOOM BOOM

OH BOY! THESE PINKIES WILL MAKE MORE NOISE THAN THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES!

IT'S A TRAPA! THE GENERAL, HESA LIE!

NICE GOIN' BOYS WE'VE GOT THIS BUNCH ON THE RUN! NOW, FOR THEIR OTHER FLANKS!.. C'MON!

RUNA! HELPA! RUNA!

BOOM BOOM

YEA BOYLE! WE'RE READY ANYTIME!

BOOM BOOM

SAY THE WORD SARGE!

OK. LET 'EM HAVE IT... BUT MAKE IT GOOD!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! GREEKS! MILLIONS OF 'EM!

NO, NO!.. DON'T BELIEVE.. IT'S LIE... THERE ISA ONLY A FEW! THE OTHERS ARE DEAD!

OH THERE YOU ARE MUSHFACE!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

AND SINCE YOU SAY OUR OTHER MEN ARE DEAD... YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT THE POISONING!

BOOM SOCK

WITH THE GENERAL A PRISONER AND THE ENTIRE SPAGHETTI ARMY ROUTED, BOYE AND THE MEN ARE RETURNING TO CAMP, WHEN...

BOOM

DOWN MEN! THEY MUST HAVE GOTTEN WISE!

I GUESS IT WAS TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR!

TWERP!

HELLO, SARGE! HOW AM I DOIN' OL PAL?

BOOM

HE'LL GET HIS! THE MEDICOS SAY ALL THE MEN WILL BE O.K.

THE HEAD QUARTERMASTER WAS THE TRAITOR WHO POISONED THE FOOD!

HELLO MY DARLING SISTER AND BROTHER! HERE IT IS! THE THIRD ONE!

BROTHER ACIDO AS NEW HEAD QUARTERMASTER, YOU'LL MAKE A GOOD CHEF!.. I HOPE THE FOURTH ONE IS ON THE FIRE!

Lee Sampson, MIDSHIPMAN

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL CREW RACE WITH PENNSYLVANIA... A COAST GUARD CUTTER PURSUES A MOTOR BOAT ACROSS THE BAY, CHASING IT CLOSE TO SHORE AND UP COLLEGE CREEK.. JUST OUTSIDE BANCROFT HALL!

THEY'RE GAINING ON US, STEP ON IT!

LOOK! THERE'S A CUTTER CHASING A POWERBOAT OF SOME KIND!

RIGHT UP COLLEGE CREEK! WHAT TH' HECK'S GOING ON?

INSIDE THEIR QUARTERS IN BANCROFT HALL, LEE AND SHIPWRECK KELLY ARE ABOUT TO TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT!

PHOOEY ON IT! LET'S GET TO BED! WE'VE GOT A CREW RACE TOMORROW, OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

THE POWERBOAT SPEEDS UP THE SEVERN RIVER...

BETTER STOP! THEY'RE STARTIN' TO SHOOT!

PULL THAT BUOY ON BOARD A MINUTE!... I GOT AN IDEA!

THIS THING IS ANCHORED!... MUST BE ONE OF THEM MARKERS, THEY USE FOR THE CREW RACES!



UNSCREW THE TOP OF THAT THING! HURRY IT UP!

OKAY, BOSS!



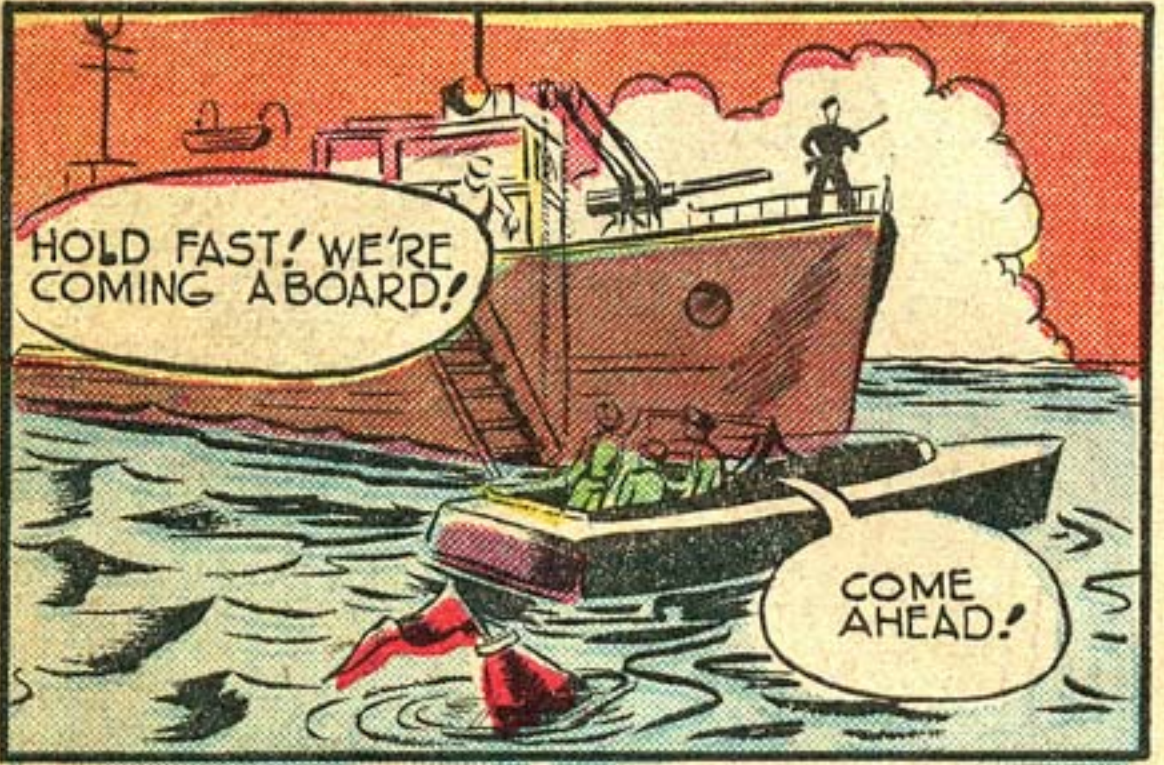
HAND THAT DOUGH HERE! WE'LL PUT 'ER IN THE BUOY!



GET THAT THING BACK IN THE WATER! HERE COMES THE COAST GUARD!



THE LANE-MARKER BUOY IS TOSSED BACK INTO THE SEVERN!



HOLD FAST! WE'RE COMING ABOARD!

COME AHEAD!



WHY DIDN'T YOU HEAVE TO WHEN YOU SAW OUR SIGNAL? WE'RE SEARCHING YOU FOR CONTRABAND!

WE DIDN'T SEE YOUR SIGNAL!..AND IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH...GO AHEAD!



A FEW MINUTES LATER..

SO LONG, BOYS!

NOTHING ON HER!.. LET'S GO!



HEY!.. COME ON TO BED!

OKAY OKAY PAL!.. DON'T GET EXCITED!

WHILE AT THE ACADEMY...

NEXT MORNING AT BREAKFAST

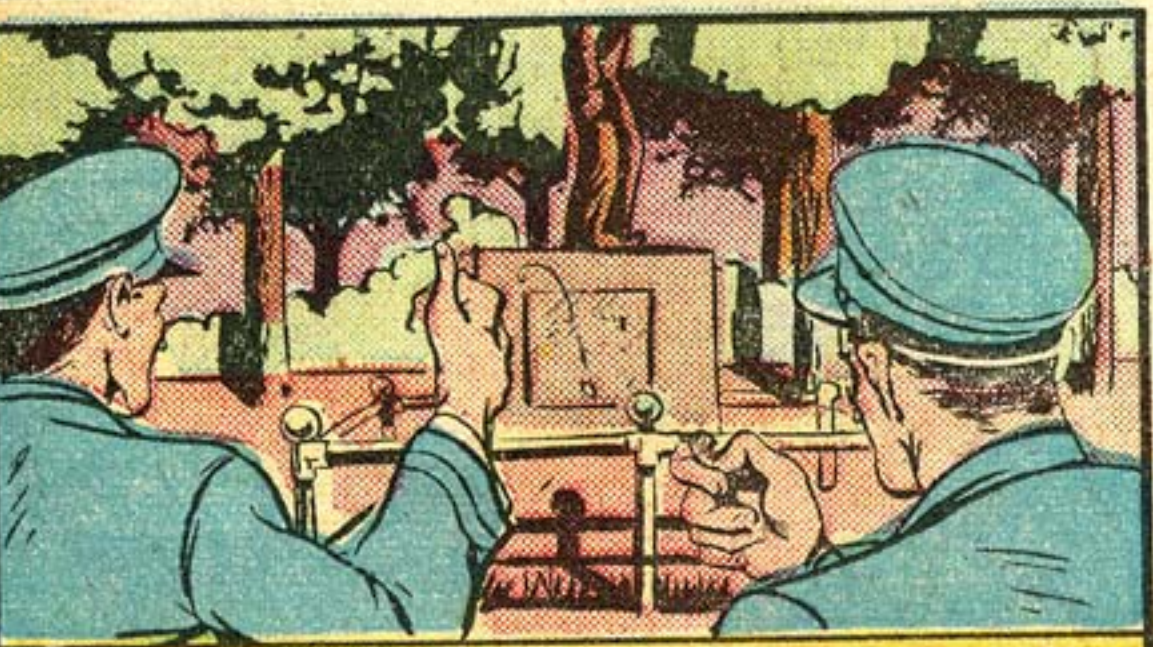
YACHT CLUB ROBBED.. THUGS MAKE OFF WITH \$10,000... NO CLUES..

WELL I'LL BE..

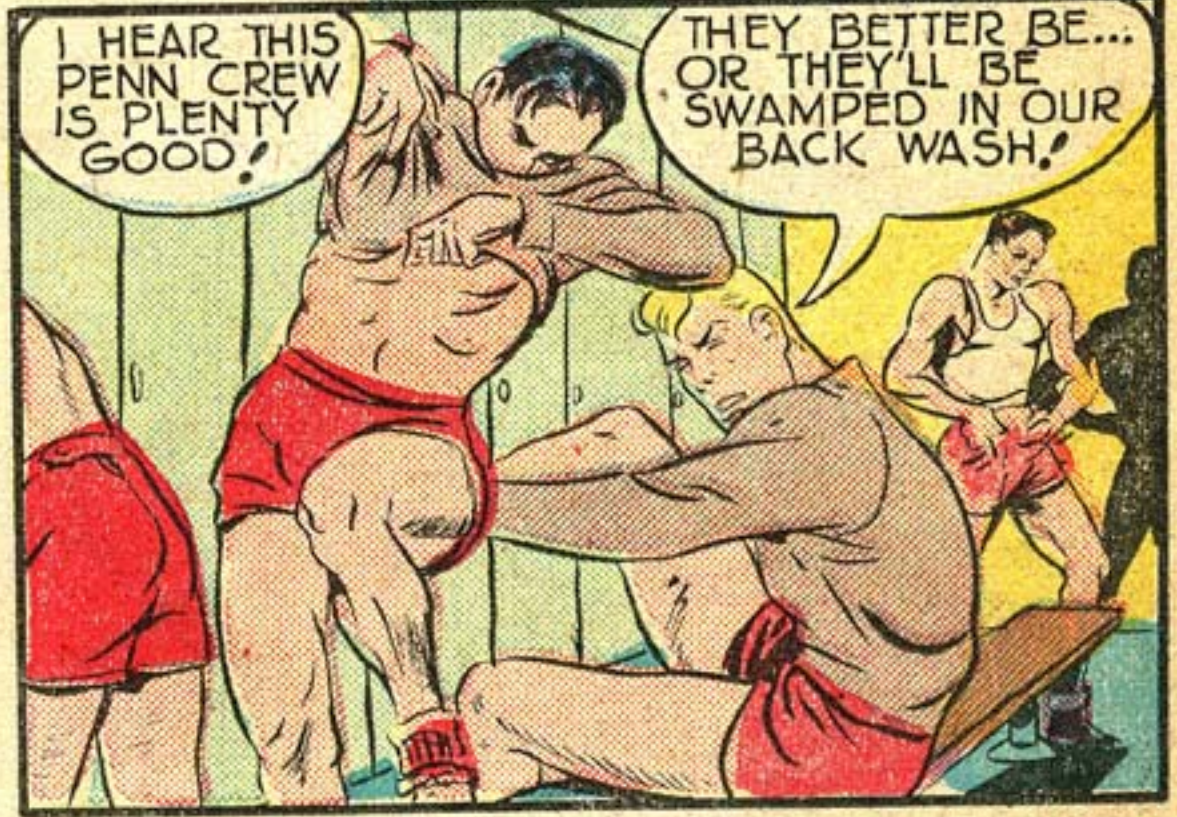
LET'S SEE THAT PAPER!

EVERYBODY UP! TIME TO LEAVE FOR THE BOAT HOUSE!

TWEET!



ON THEIR WAY TO THE BOATHOUSE, THE NAVY CREW TOSS PENNIES AT "TECUMSEH", GIVE HIM A LEFT-HANDED SALUTE, AND MARCH ON....



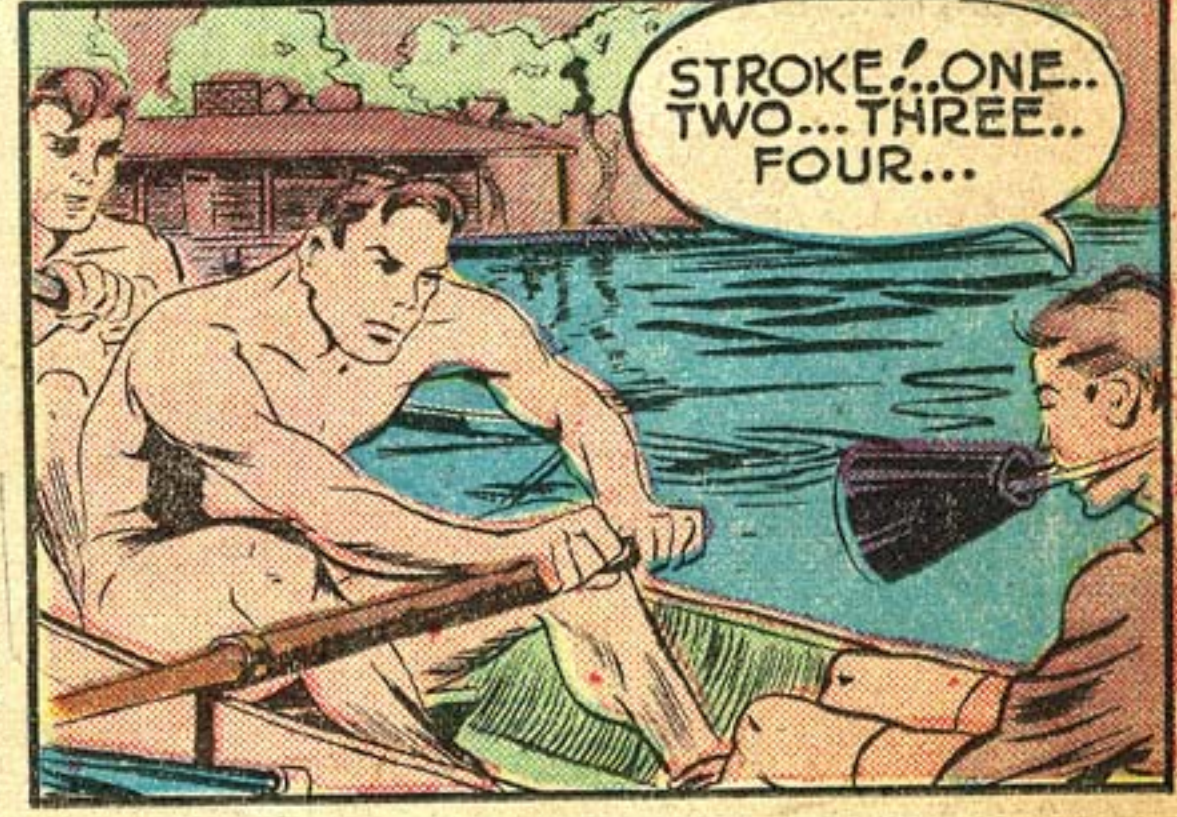
I HEAR THIS PENN CREW IS PLENTY GOOD!

THEY BETTER BE... OR THEY'LL BE SWAMPED IN OUR BACK WASH!

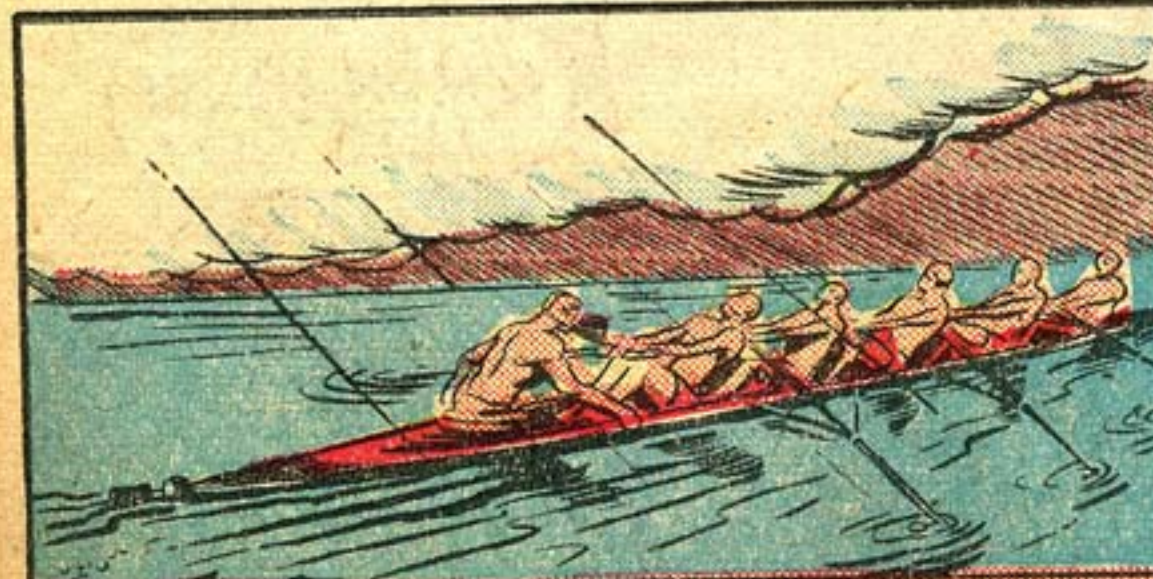


READY...UP!

THE SHELL IS CARRIED TO THE WATER..



STROKE! ONE... TWO... THREE... FOUR...

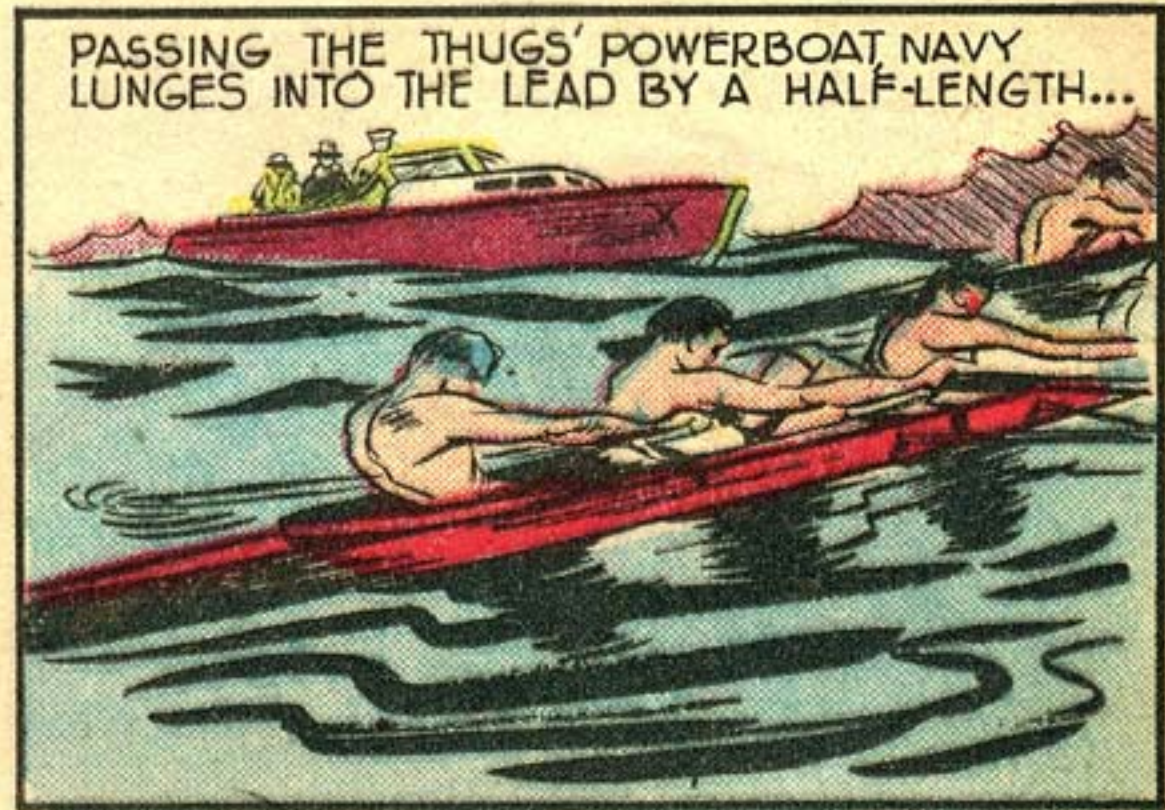
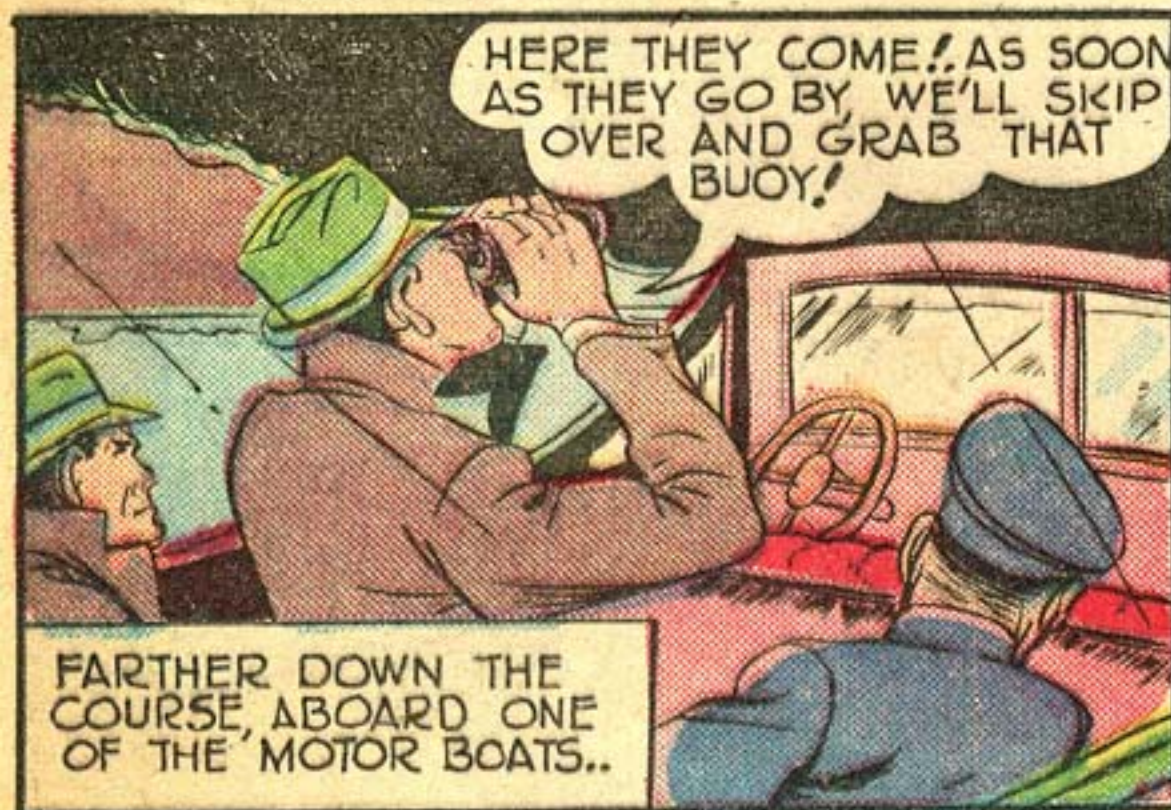
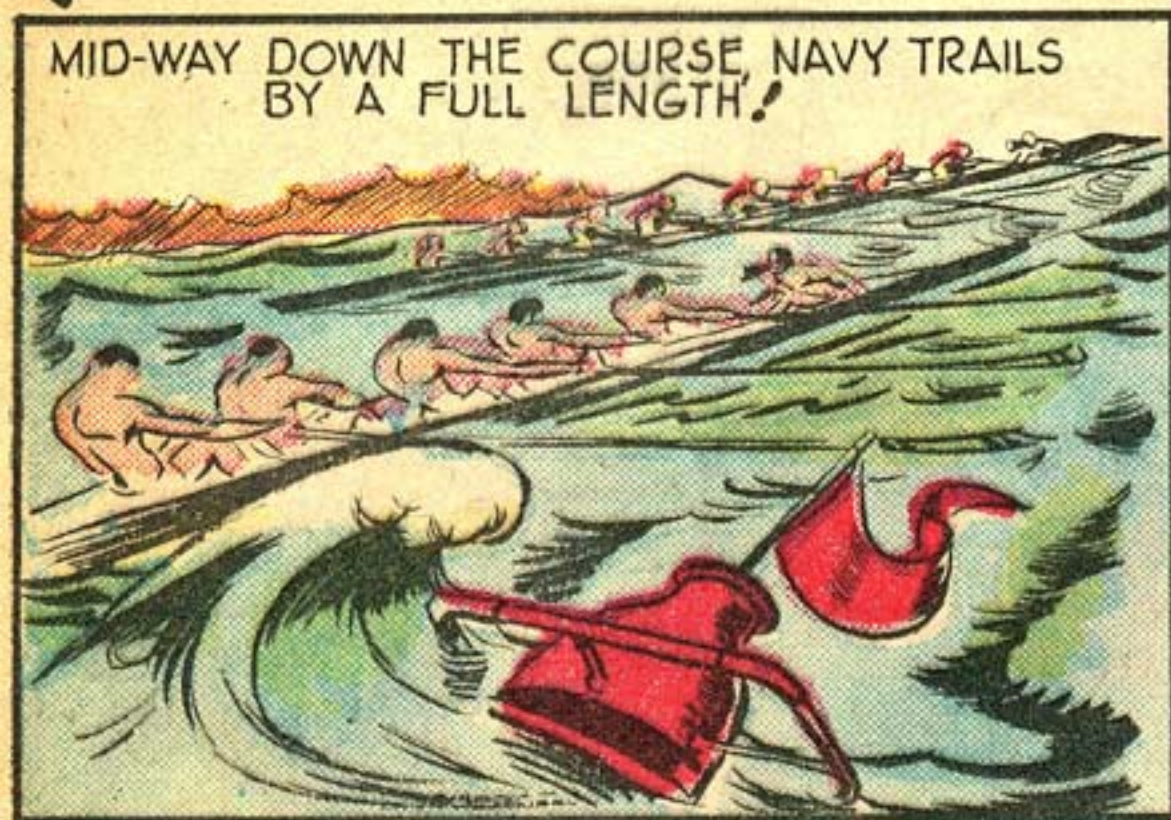
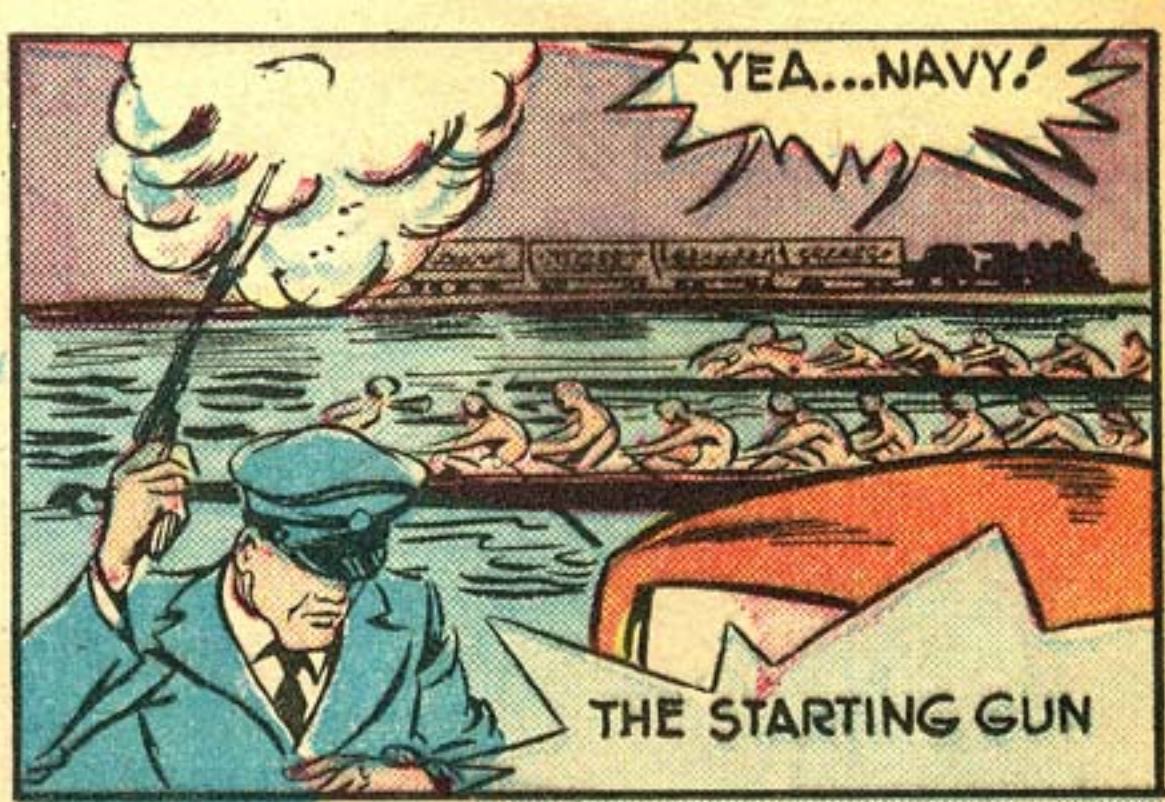
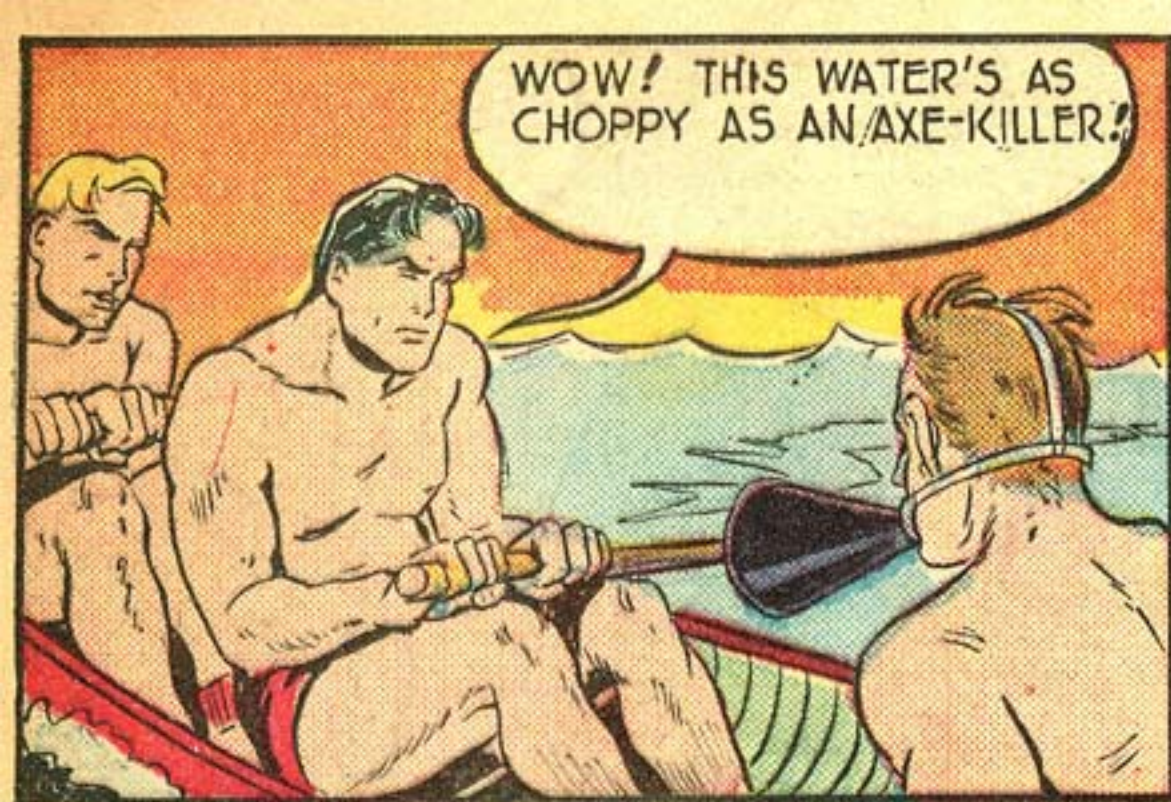


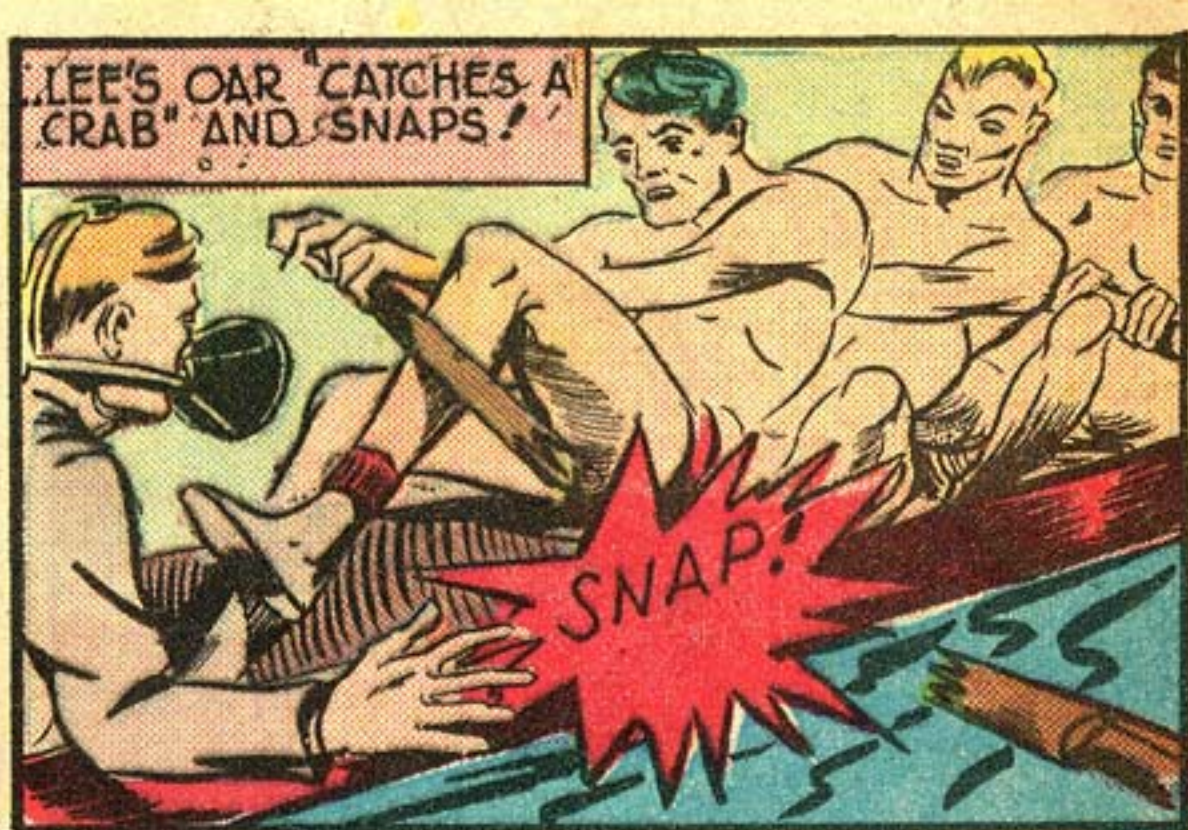
AS THE NAVY CREW WARMS UP ON THE WAY UP THE SEVERN TO THE STARTING POINT, THUNDERCLOUDS BEGIN TO FORM.



NICE DAY FOR DONALD DUCK EH, FELLOWS?

RAIN BEGINS TO FALL, AND A HIGH WIND STARTS TO KICK UP THE WATERS...







COME ON ABOARD, SON!.. WE'LL GET YOU SOME DRY CLOTHES!



HEY, BOSS! THE MONEY'S GONE!

OH.. IT IS, HUH? WELL, I KNOW WHERE IT IS!



NICE OF YOU TO GIVE ME A BLANKET... BUT DOES THE GUN GO WITH IT?

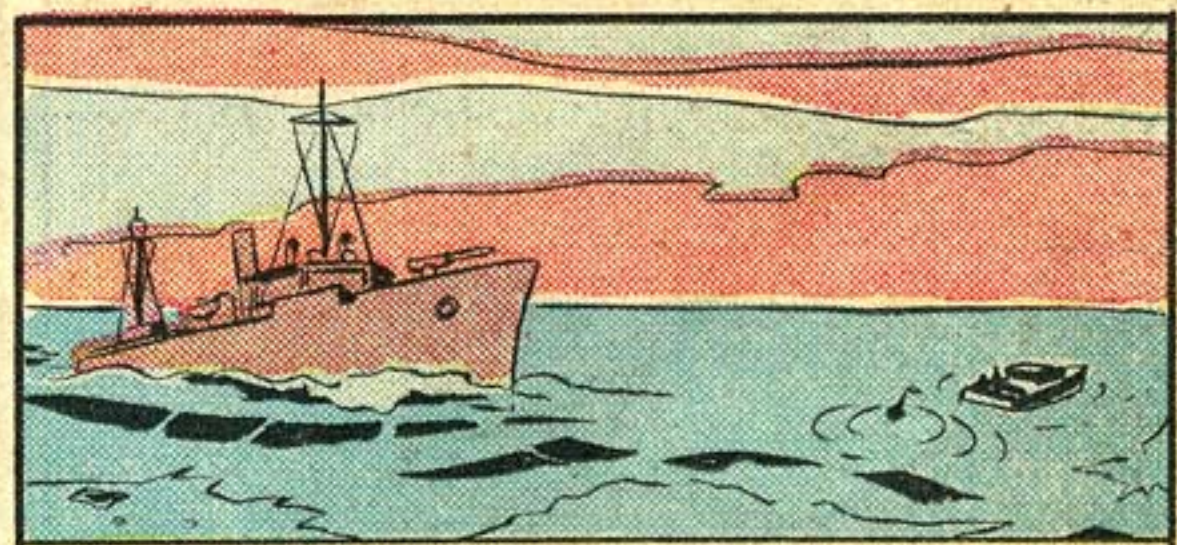
LISTEN, YOU!



WELL, HERE! YOU TAKE THE BLANKET!



SEE IF IT KEEPS YOU DRY!



HAVING HEARD THE SHOT FROM THE POWER-BOAT, THE COAST-GUARD CUTTER RACES TO THE SCENE... RECOGNIZING THE CRAFT AS THE ONE UNDER SCRUTINY THE NIGHT BEFORE



HERE SIR! THE \$10,000 STOLEN FROM THE YACHT CLUB LAST NIGHT!



LATER, LEE SAMPSON RECEIVES THE THANKS OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY SUPER-INTENDANT...

SAMPSON I'VE CALLED YOU INTO MY OFFICE SO MANY TIMES TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP AND BRAVERY THAT I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MY FIRST ASSISTANT!

THE END

HEY, FELLAS! LOOKA THIS! DID I HIT THE JACKPOT! STEEL STERLING, THE BLACK HOOD, MR. JUSTICE, AND THAT LAUGH-PROVOKING DEVIL-MAY-CARE, ACE OF THE BRITISH ARMY, SERGEANT BOYLE, WITH HIS PAL (?) CORPORAL COLLINS, ALL IN ONE MAGAZINE! IT SURE IS A JACKPOT!

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LUCKY! THE PLANE'S ABLAZE!... YOU CAN'T SAVE JOE!... YOU'LL BE KILLED YOURSELF!

NO, MAC, I GOTTA GET TO HIM!



HEY!.. COME BACK! IT'S SUICIDE!



GOT HIM!.. HOPE JOE'S OKAY!



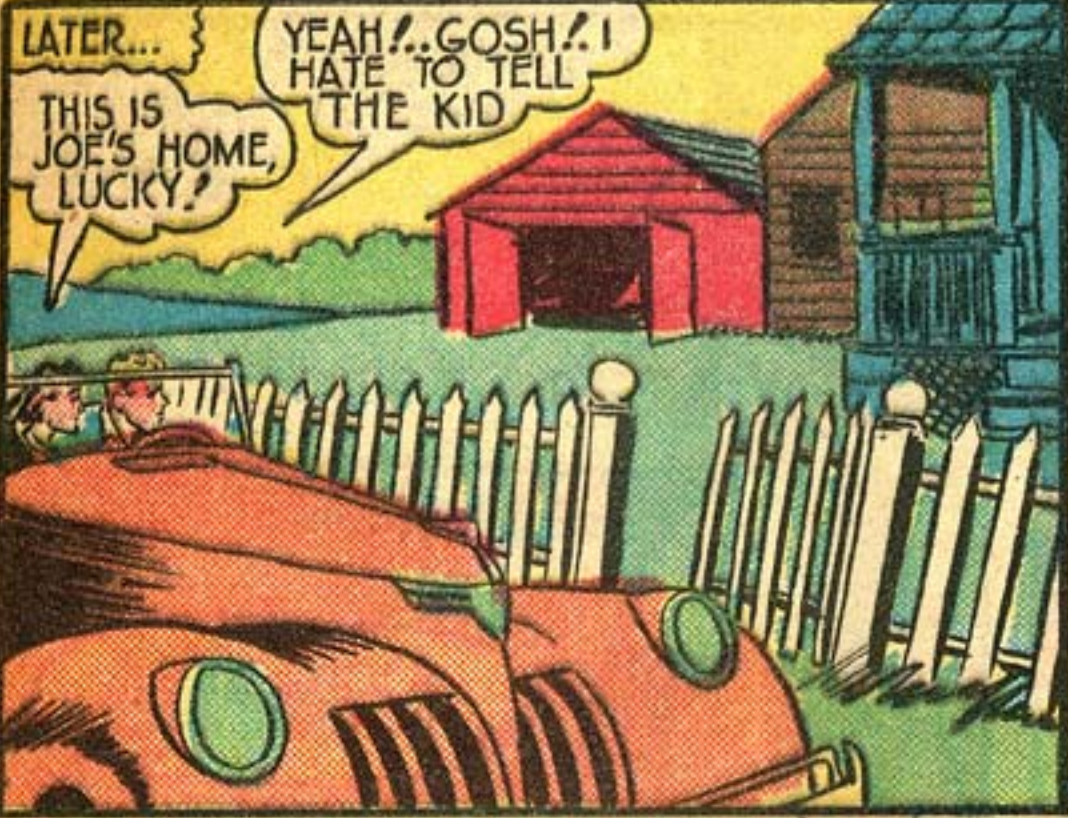
JOE, OLD PAL!.. YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW!

NO, LUCKY! CHECKIN' OUT.. ONLY SORRY BECAUSE OF MY BLIND KID!

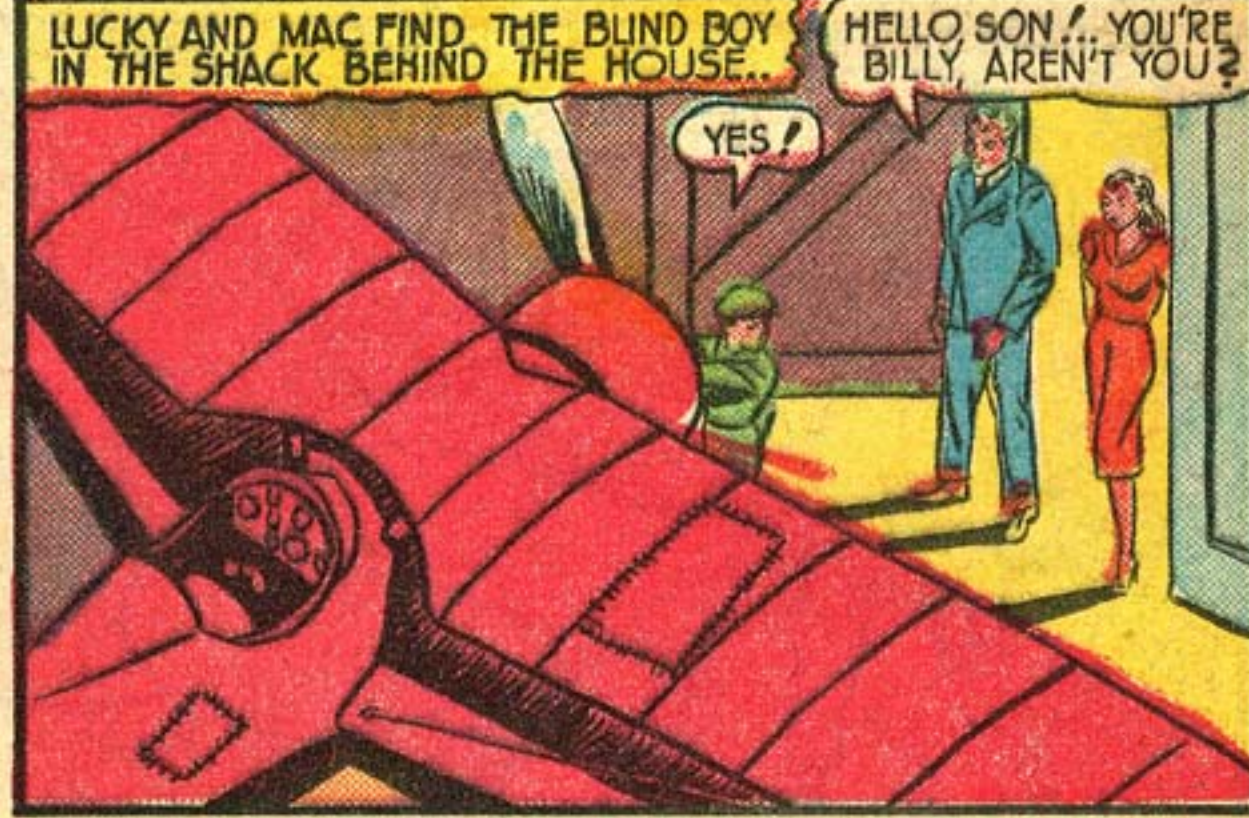


WAS SAVIN' FOR EYE OPERATION!.. GUESS I FAILED HIM!.. LOOK AFTER HIM, WILL YA, LUCKY?.. OR HE'LL BE LEFT ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD!

YOU BET I WILL, JOE! AND I'LL GET HIM THAT EYE OPERATION, TOO!

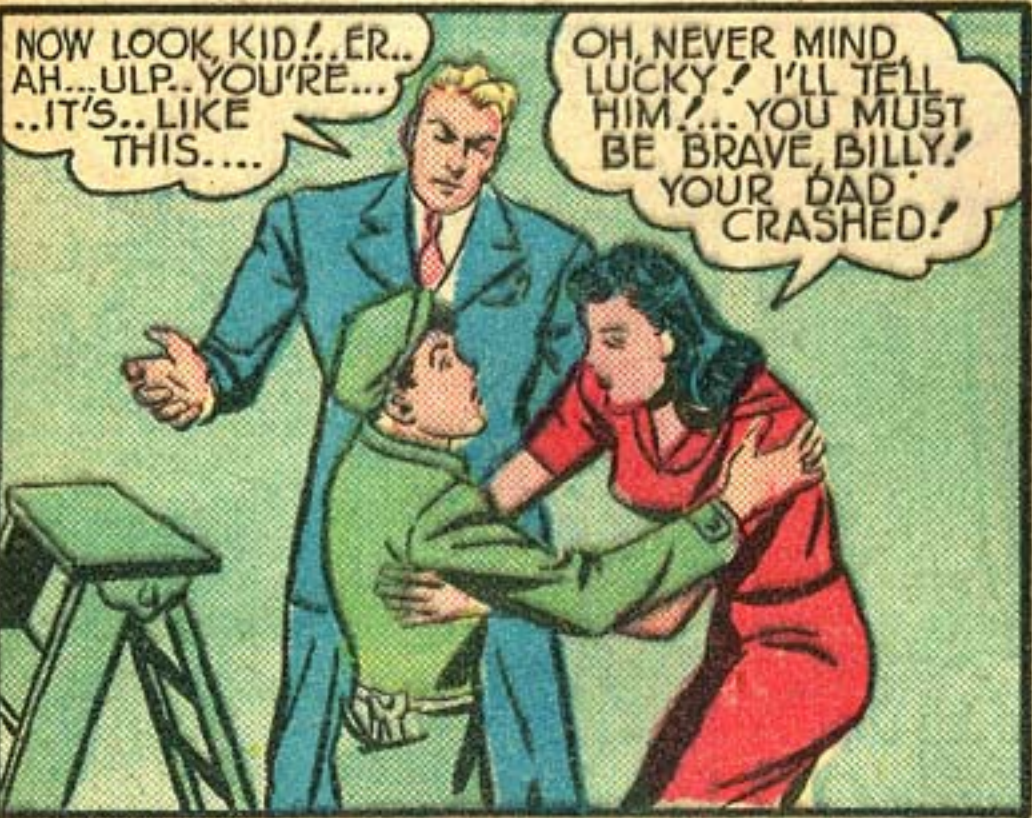


LATER...
 THIS IS JOE'S HOME, LUCKY!
 YEAH!..GOSH!..I HATE TO TELL THE KID



LUCKY AND MAC FIND THE BLIND BOY IN THE SHACK BEHIND THE HOUSE..
 HELLO SON!.. YOU'RE BILLY, AREN'T YOU?

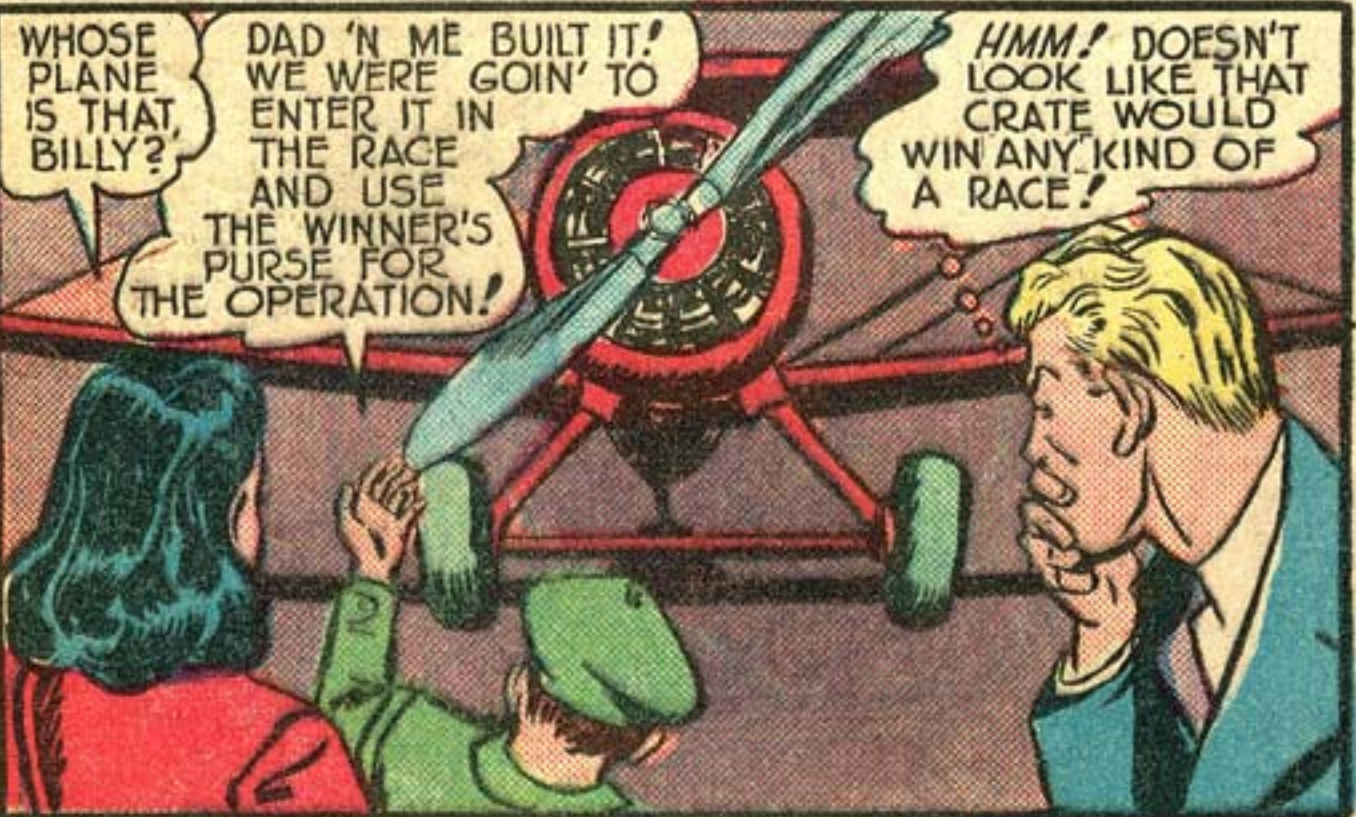
YES!



NOW LOOK KID!.. ER.. AH... ULP.. YOU'RE... ..IT'S.. LIKE THIS....
 OH, NEVER MIND, LUCKY! I'LL TELL HIM!.. YOU MUST BE BRAVE, BILLY! YOUR DAD CRASHED!



THAT'S THE BRAVE LITTLE MAN! JUST LIKE YOUR DAD SAID YOU ARE!
 'SNIFF' 'SNIFF' YEAH! DAD 'WOULDN'T WANT ME TO BE A CRY BABY!
 NICE GOIN' KID!



WHOSE PLANE IS THAT, BILLY?
 DAD 'N ME BUILT IT! WE WERE GOIN' TO ENTER IT IN THE RACE AND USE THE WINNER'S PURSE FOR THE OPERATION!
 HMM! DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT CRATE WOULD WIN ANY KIND OF A RACE!



WHY WE'LL ENTER IT, HUH, LUCKY?
 WHEE! WE CAN'T LOSE, NOW!
 ER... AH.. SURE!.. YOU BET!



NEXT DAY...
 HEY, BOSS!.. I JUST CAME FROM THE ENTRY OFFICE! LUCKY LARSON IS GONNA FLY AGAINST US!
 AH!... SO WHAT? WE GOT THE FAST-EST LOADS IN THE AIR!



BUT BETTER CHECK UP ON HIM, ANYWAY! THAT LARSON'S TOO GOOD A PILOT TO FOOL WITH!
 THAT'S RIGHT, BOSS!



ALL RIGHT! I'LL TAKE HER UP IN A TRIAL SPIN, NOW!

GIVE HER THE GUN, LUCKY! ..SHE CAN TAKE IT!



S'LONG, LUCKY!

S'LONG, KIDS! .. BE RIGHT BACK!



UP IN THE AIR...

I'LL BE!... THIS CRATE'S REALLY GOT A MOTOR UNDER IT!



LUCKY SENDS THE PLANE THROUGH ITS PACES!

WOW!... SHE HANDLES LIKE A BABY CARRIAGE!



WHILE SPYING FROM BELOW...

HOLY MACKERAL! WAIT TILL THE BOSS HEARS ABOUT THIS!



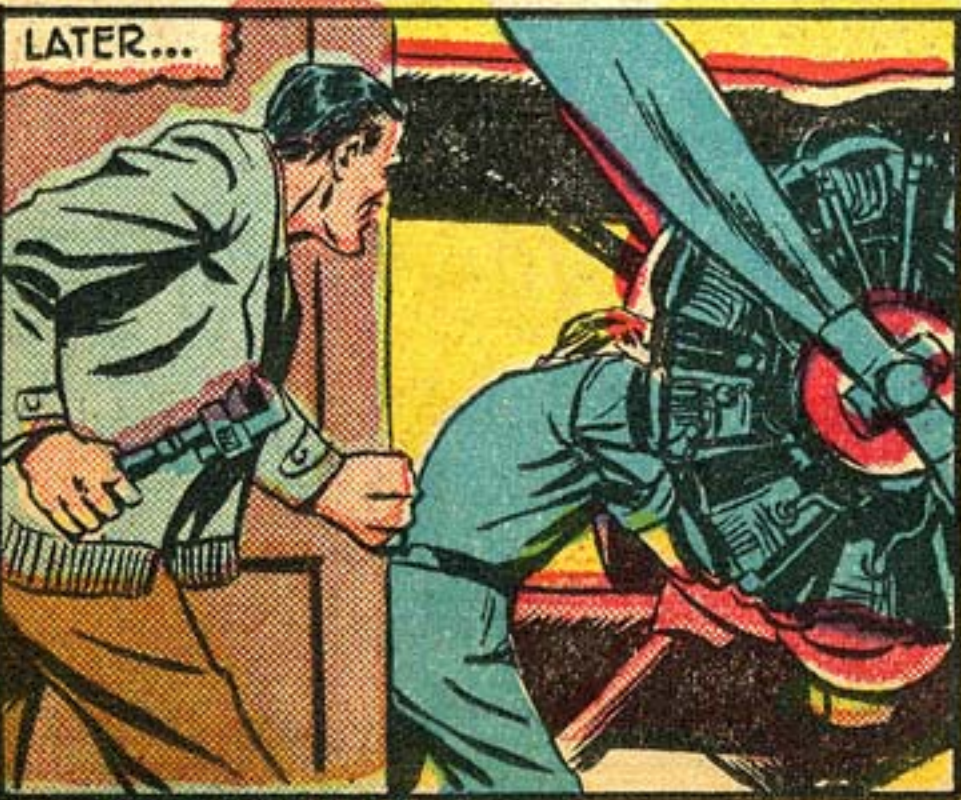
I TELL YA, BOSS! I THINK THAT LARSON'S GOT A WINNER!

WHAT? I GOT TOO MUCH DOUGH TIED UP IN MY ENTRY PLANES TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH HIM!



WAIT A MINUTE!.. I GOT AN IDEA HOW TO KEEP THAT GUY ON THE GROUND! NOW LISTEN CLOSELY! ONE OF YOU BOYS GO RIGHT BACK TO HIS HANGAR!

I'LL GO, BOSS!



LATER...



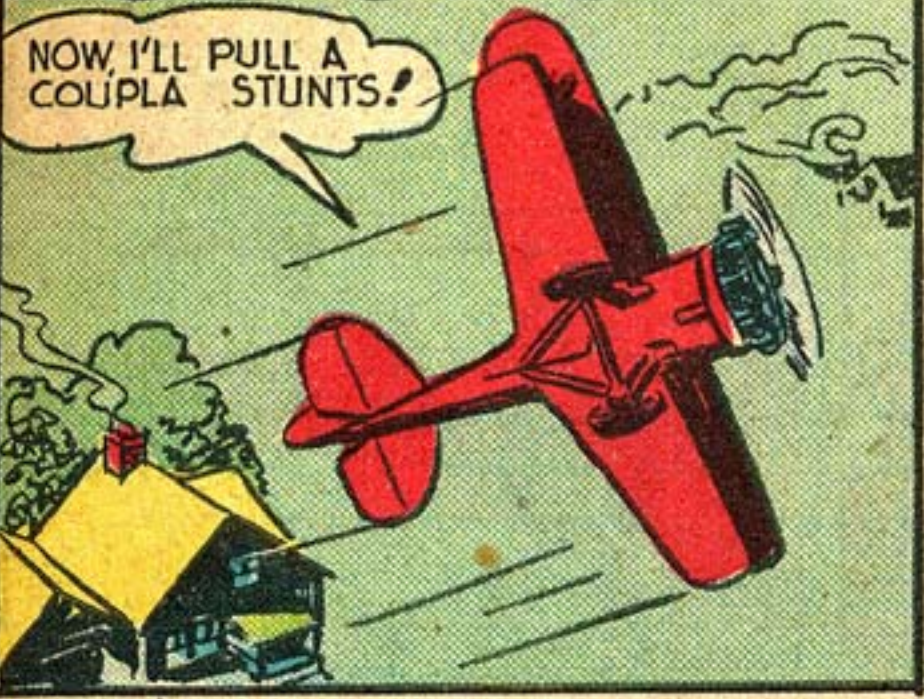
WHACK



NOW I'LL POUR THIS GIN OVER HIM!

LUCKY UNCONSCIOUS IS TAKEN UP IN HIS PLANE BY HIS ASSAILANT.....

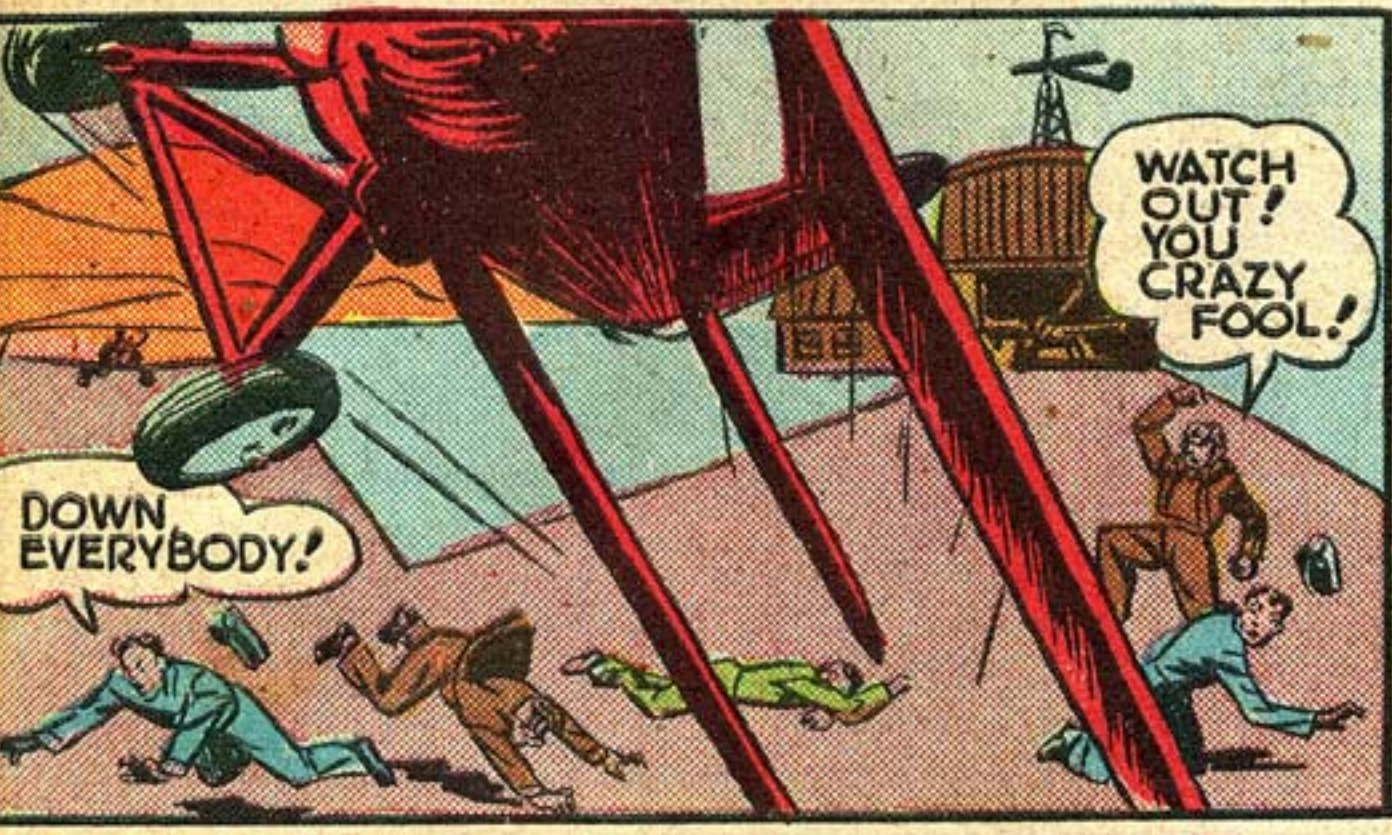
NOW I'LL PULL A COUPLA STUNTS!



FOR A STARTER WE'LL TAKE IN SOME WASHING!



OO!.. HELP!



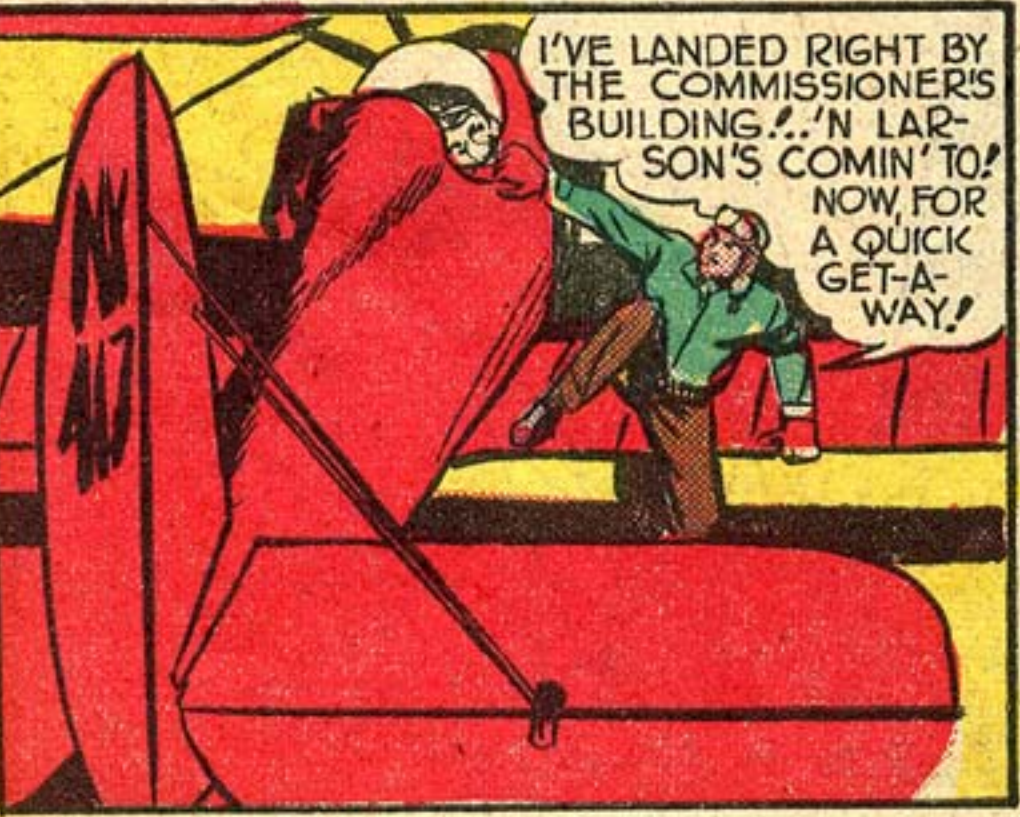
DOWN EVERYBODY!

WATCH OUT! YOU CRAZY FOOL!



THE AIRPLANE LICENSE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IS DELUGED WITH COMPLAINTS...

WHAT? LARSON'S PLANE AGAIN? HAS THAT GUY GONE CRAZY?



I'VE LANDED RIGHT BY THE COMMISSIONER'S BUILDING... 'N LARSON'S COMIN' TO! NOW FOR A QUICK GET-A-WAY!



LUCKY STAGGERS FROM HIS PLANE AS THE COMMISSIONER STORMS UP.....

THE COLOSSAL NERVE... LANDING RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE, TOO!



WH.. WHERE AM I?... WHAT HAPPENED?

DRUNK AS A LORD! OKAY LARSON!.. YOU'RE FINISHED AS A FLIER! I'M REVOKING YOUR LICENSE!



LATER.. I WAS FRAMED, ALL RIGHT! BUT I WON'T GET A HEARING TILL AFTER THE RACE!

BUT THAT MEANS NO PURSE!.. AND NO OPERATION MONEY!



LOOK!.. I'M TAKING THAT PLANE UP, LUCKY!

BUT, MAC, YOU CAN'T!

GEE!.. LET 'ER DO IT, LUCKY!.. PLEASE!

THE DAY OF THE RACE ROLLS AROUND..

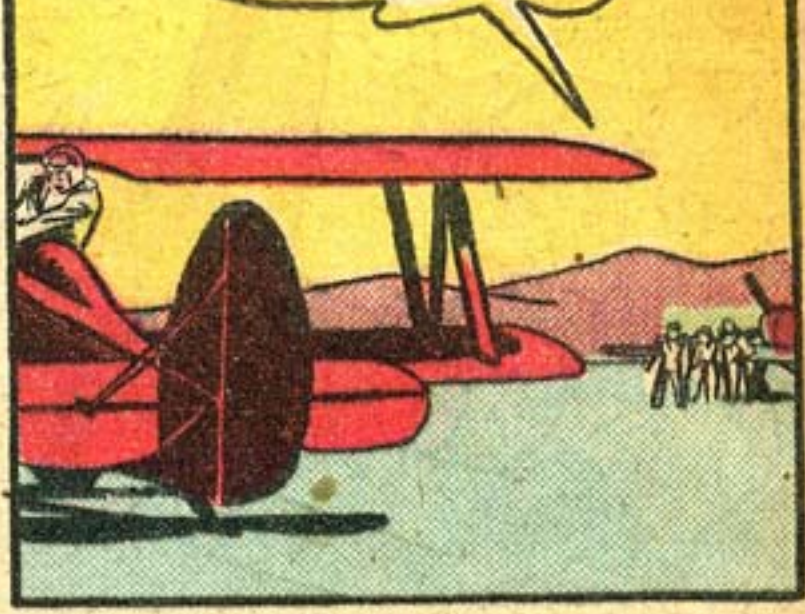


HA, HA!... WE CAN'T LOSE NOW!
TWO OF MY OWN PLANES ENTERED
AND NO LARSON TO BOTHER ME!

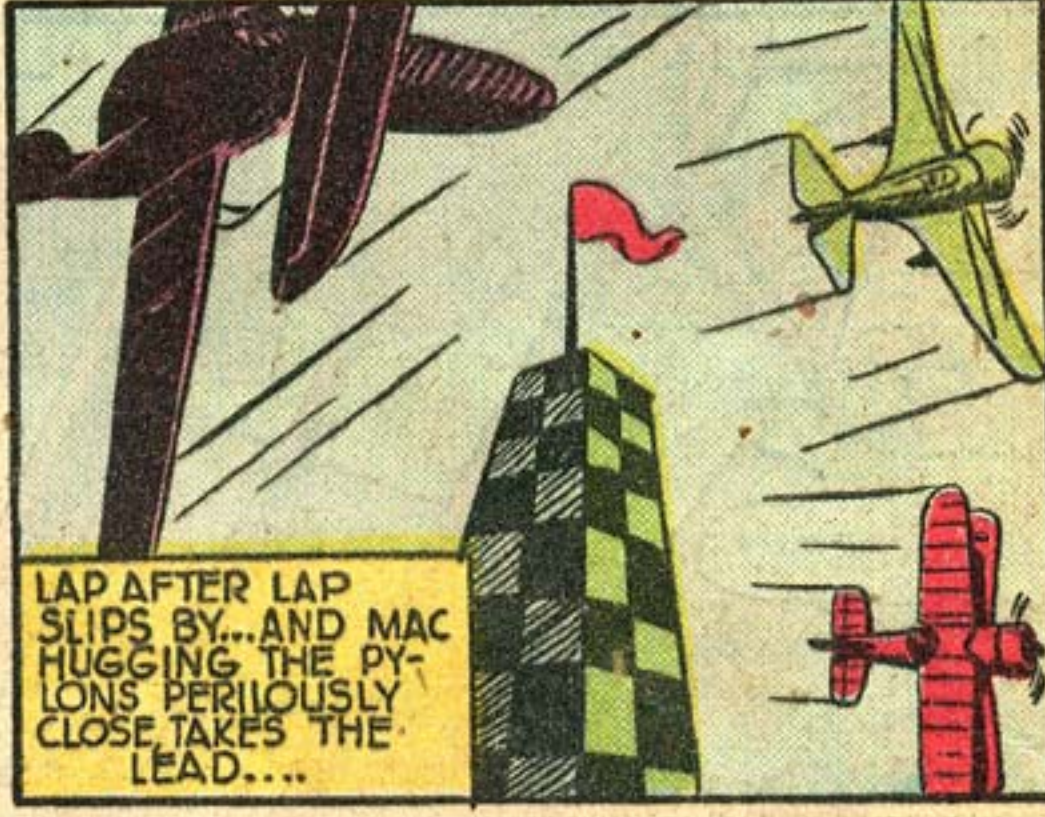
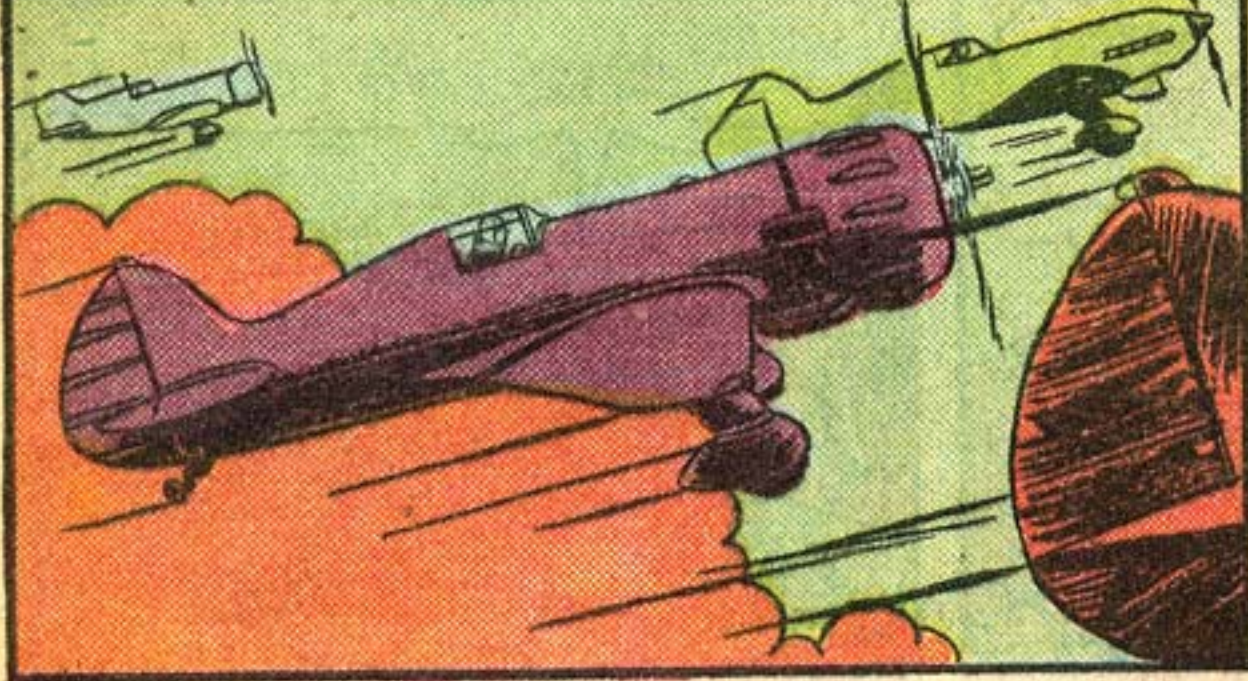
WE SURE PULLED
A FAST ONE!

HEY
BOSS!
LOOK OVER
THERE!
LARSON'S
PLANE!

WHAT IN... IT'S THAT GIRL OF
HIS!... SHE'S GOING TO FLY IT!...
ALL RIGHT! WE CAN TAKE CARE
OF HER, TOO!



THUNDER ROLLS ACROSS THE FIELD AS THE PLANES
ROAR INTO THE HEAVENS!... THE RACE IS ON!...



LAP AFTER LAP
SLIPS BY... AND MAC
HUGGING THE PYLONS
PERILOUSLY
CLOSE TAKES THE
LEAD....

OKAY!... NOW'S THE
TIME!... CROWD THE
DAME OUT!... OUR
OTHER PILOT'LL WIN!



OKAY,
BOSS!...
IT'S A
CINCH!



THEY'VE GOT MAC IN
A POCKET!... SHE'LL
BE KILLED, UNLESS!
MAC! WATCH OUT!

WHILE THE BLIND BILLY WHO IS TRYING TO
LOCATE LUCKY, STUMBLES OVER A WIRE...



RADIO WIRE!
I'LL FOLLOW IT
TO THE RADIO
CONTROL
ROOM!

THE MEN
IN THERE'LL
TAKE ME
TO
LUCKY!



THE BLIND ARE COMPENSATED WITH EXTRA SENSITIVE
HEARING POWERS SO THAT BILLY HEARS SOMETHING
WHICH BRINGS HIM TO A HALT AS HE IS ABOUT TO
ENTER.....

BILLY GETS SOMEBODY TO TAKE HIM TO LUCKY

LUCKY!..LUCKY!..GULP!..GEE WHIZ!

WHAT'S UP, KID?

'N SO I HEARD RADIO INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP MAC IN A POCKET!.. 'N CRASH HER, IF NECESSARY!

WHY THE DIRTY!... C'MON, KID!

OH!..SO IT'S YOU, WIDMER!..GET AWAY FROM THAT MIKE!

LARSON! GET HIM, MEN!

SURE!..COME AND GET ME, YOU CHEAP STOOGES!

BOP!

OW!

..AND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU TO GET!

ZOCK!

NOW TELL THOSE PILOTS OF YOURS TO KEEP AWAY FROM MAC!..AND THEN WE'RE GOING OVER TO THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE!

ALL... ALL RIGHT, B.. BUT DON'T HIT ME, AGAIN!

IT WAS WIDMER, WHO FRAMED ME, COMMISSIONER!..I THINK HE'LL ADMIT IT NOW!

Y..YES!..IT..IT WAS ALL A GAG, COMMISSIONER!

GAG..HUH?...WELL IT WON'T BE SO FUNNY FOR YOU!.. YOU'LL NEVER OPERATE ANOTHER PLANE!

LUCKY TURNS ON THE RADIO FOR THE RACE RESULTS..

FLASH!..MAXINE WESTLAND HAS JUST FLASHED ACROSS THE FINISH LINE...THE WINNER!

WOW!..SHE DID IT!..GOOD OLD MAC!

WELL! CAN I FLY...OR CAN I FLY!... FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS!

AND YOU'LL GET YOUR OPERATION, BILLY!

WHEE!

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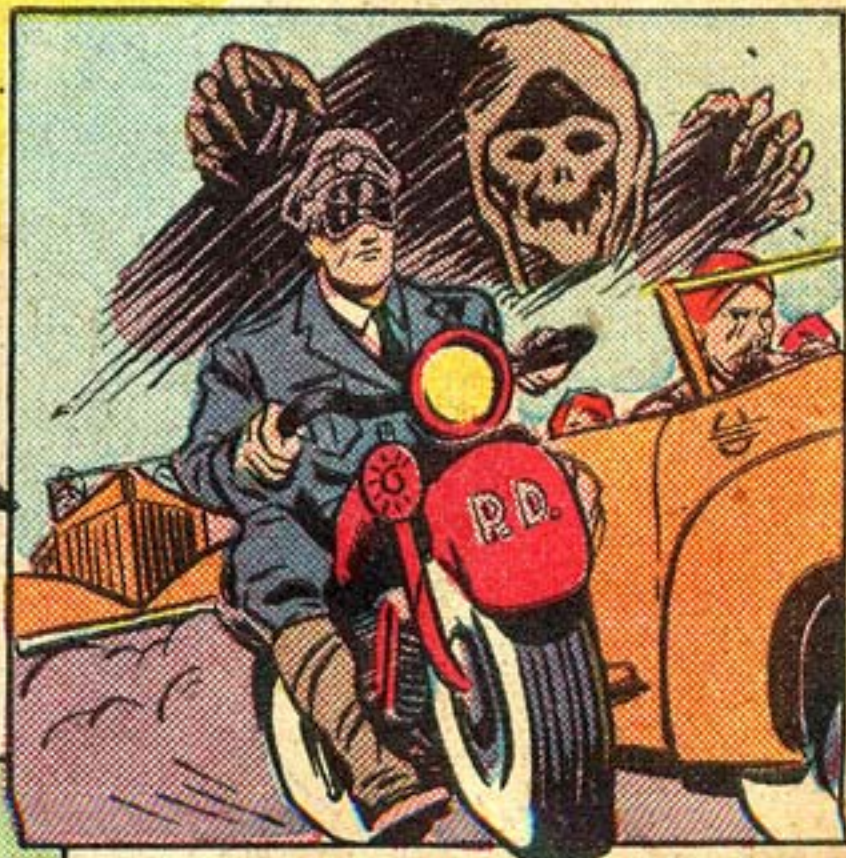
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WHY DID JU JU WATSON FACE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR... AND HOW COULD THE SHIELD SAVE HIM WITHOUT FIRST BREAKING THE LAW HE HAD SWORN TO UPHOLD?....

THE MAHARAJAH MURDERS



WAS THIS A PRE-HISTORIC BEAST THAT STRUCK TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL HOLLYWOOD OR WAS IT MURDER, HUMANLY AND FIENDISHLY DESIGNED; THAT ONLY THE WIZARD COULD FRUSTRATE!

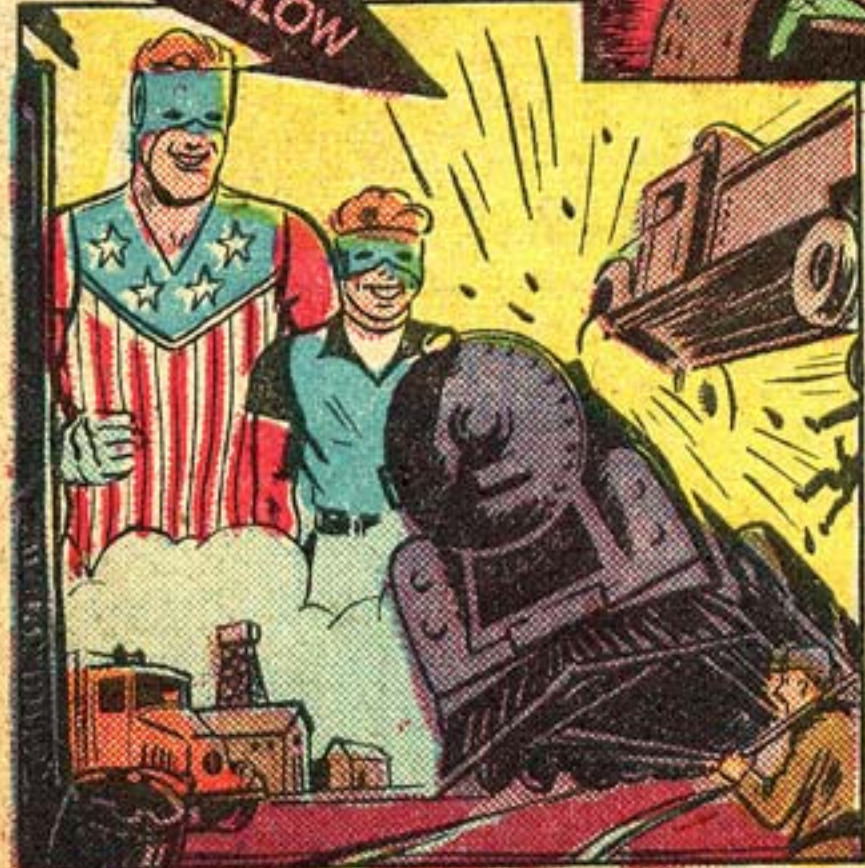
MYSTERY OF THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

WAS THIS A GHOST SHIP THAT CAME OUT OF THE MIST TO PLUNGE JOE, DUSTY JUJU, AND BETTY WARREN INTO THE WEIRDEST ADVENTURE OF THEIR CAREERS!..



THE MONSTER OF MADNESS

DEATH BELOW



TERROR STRUCK AT ALL THOSE WHO TRIED TO WORK IN THE VITAL MANGANESE MINES, BUT THE SHIELD AND DUSTY WERE STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH!....

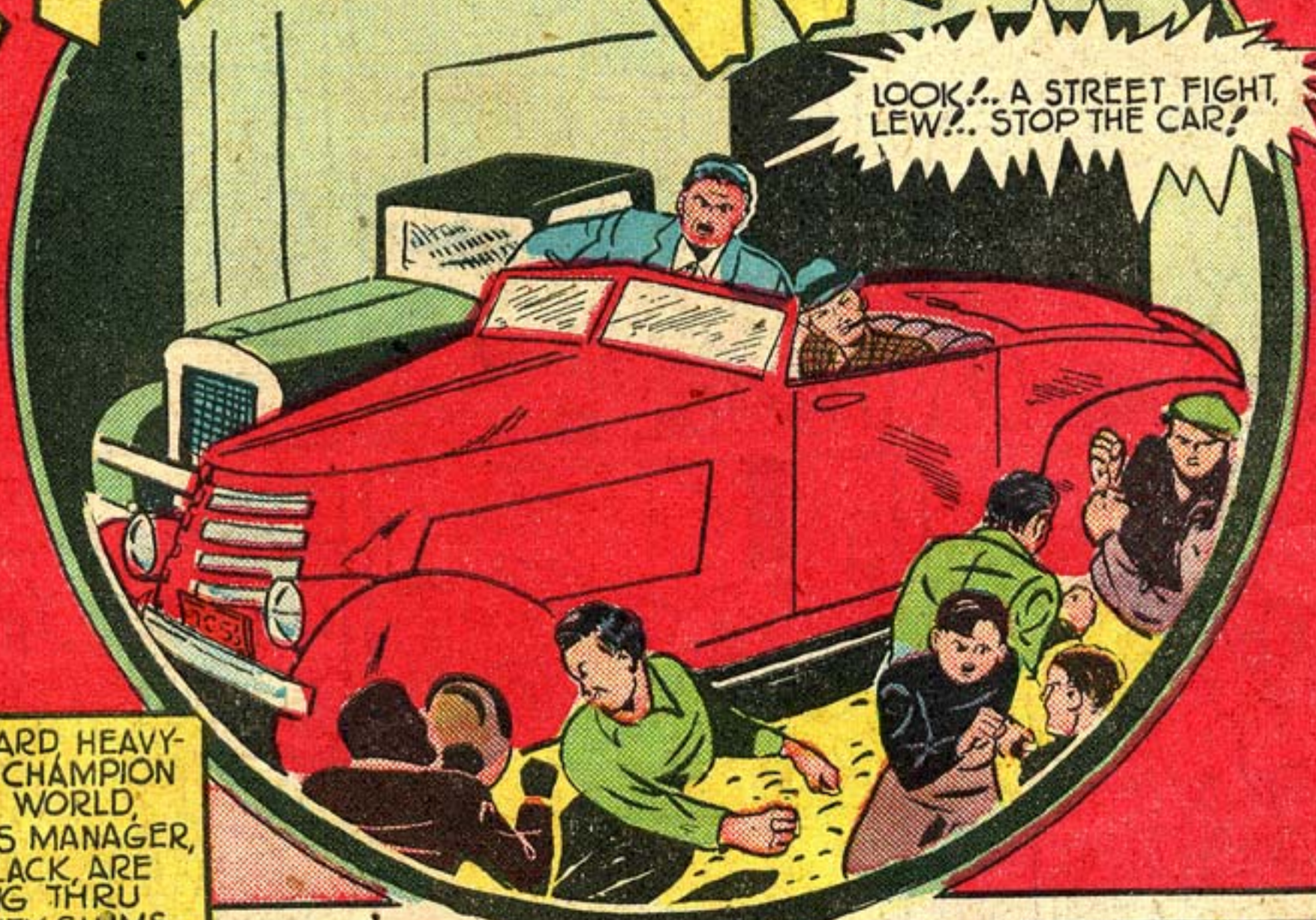


WEIRD HORROR STRUCK AT ALL VISITORS TO THE CITY UNTIL THE WIZARD AND ROY THE SUPER-BOY DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE!..

THE CORPSES THAT WOULDN'T STAY HOME

ALL THESE STORIES, AND MORE, APPEAR IN THE SPRING ISSUE, NO. 3, OF SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS, ON SALE AT ALL NEWSSTANDS ON MARCH 1st. ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!

KAYO WARD



LOOK!.. A STREET FIGHT, LEW!.. STOP THE CAR!

KAYO WARD HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, AND HIS MANAGER, LEW BLACK, ARE DRIVING THRU THE CITY SLUMS AND SEE....

HERE, BREAK IT UP YOUSE KIDS!

AW, LEGGO OF 'EM, YA' BIG JERK!

LEMME AT THE BUM!.. I'LL TEAR 'IM APART!

TCH TCH! FIGHTIN'S ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT IN THE STREETS!.. THAT'S BEIN' HOODLUMS!

GEE WHIZ, GANG! IT'S THE CHAMPKAYO KAYO WARD!



SELF PERFECTION IS A FINE THING TO LEARN...AND IF YOUSE KIDS ARE WILLIN', I'LL TEACH IT TO YA IN A GYM!

HOLY CHEE! YA HEAR THAT, GANG!.. TH' CHAMP'S GONNA TEAGH US HOW TO BOX

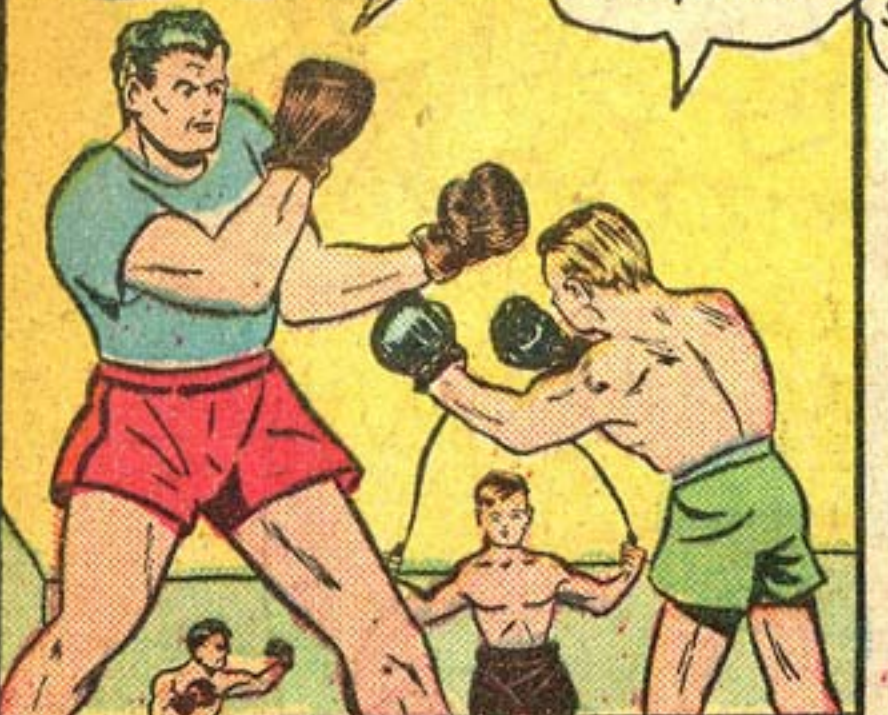
YA GONE WHACKY, KAYO? YA GOT NO TIME.. YA GOT A BIG FIGHT WITH SLASHER SMITH, SOON!

GETTIN' THESE KIDS OFF THE STREET IS A LOT MORE IMPORTANT, LEW!



DAYS LATER IN A LOCAL GYM WHERE KAYO HAS GATHERED THE SLUM YOUNGSTERS FOR THEIR FIRST LESSON

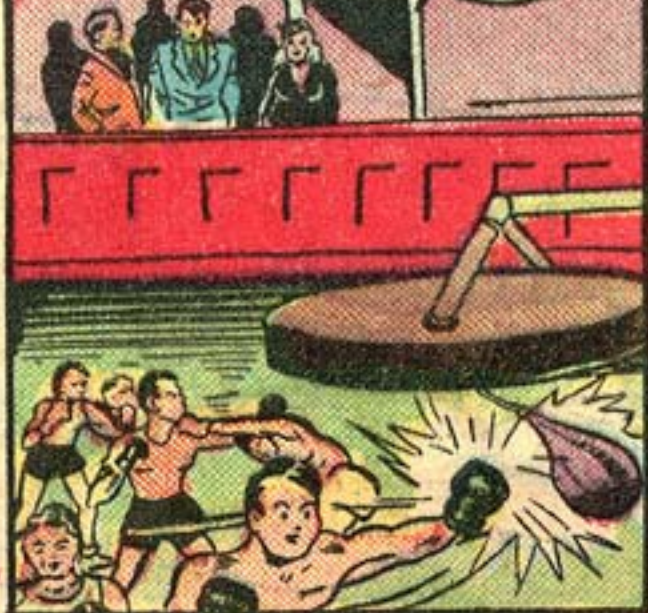
NOW KEEP YER GUARD UP, IZZY!



LIKE THIS HUH, CHAMP?

WEEKS LATER

GOLLY! LOOKA ALL THEM KIDS WHO JOINED MY CLUB.. THEY'RE SWELL HUH, CONNIE?



YES KAYO! BUT THE GYM'S TOO SMALL TO ACCOMODATE THEM ALL!

NOW, MAYBE YOU'LL GIVE UP THIS FOOLISHNESS 'N GET DOWN TO SOME SERIOUS TRAININ'



WHY I'VE JUST STARTED LEW!.. I'M GOIN' OUT 'N GET BIGGER TRAININ' QUARTERS!

YOU'RE GRAND KAYO!.. I'M GOING WITH YOU!

SCENES SUCH AS THESE ARE TYPICAL OF THE WAY THE EAST SIDE MOTHERS FEEL ABOUT KAYO'S ACTIVITIES...

SHURE, MRS. ROBINOWITZ, AND AIN'T IT A GRAND THING FOR OUR KIDS TO BE KEPT OFF THE STREETS?



AND MY OIVING HAS BROUGHT HOME SUCH GOOD REPORT CARDS TOO, MRS. GRADY!



THIS BUILDING LOOKS ALL RIGHT HUH, CONNIE?

YES! LET'S GO IN AND SEE THE OWNER!

KAYO SWINGS A DEAL WITH THE OWNER TO BUY HIS LOFT

I HAVEN'T TH' FULL PURCHASE PRICE MR. DENNIS... I'LL TAKE TH' OPTION!



ALL RIGHT MR. WARD!.. YOU'LL HAVE THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE OPTION EXPIRES!

PURCHASE OF THE SAME BUILDING IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED AT THAT MOMENT IN THE HOME OF A LOCAL POLITICIAN, ALDERMAN MCGAINESS

'N SO I JUST GOT WORD THAT THE CITY WANTS TO GET THAT PROPERTY. IT'S A SWELL CHANCE TO PICK IT UP FOR A SONG AND CHARGE A FANCY PRICE!



A GUY NAMED DENNIS OWNS IT BOSS! THE LOFTS BEEN EMPTY SO LONG, HE'LL BE GLAD TO SELL!

HE BETTER! I SWING A LOTTA WEIGHT AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

AT MR. DENNIS' OFFICE..

BUT ALDERMAN I JUST SOLD IT TO KAYO WARD!.. HE HAS A THIRTY DAY OPTION ON THE BUILDING!



WHAT?

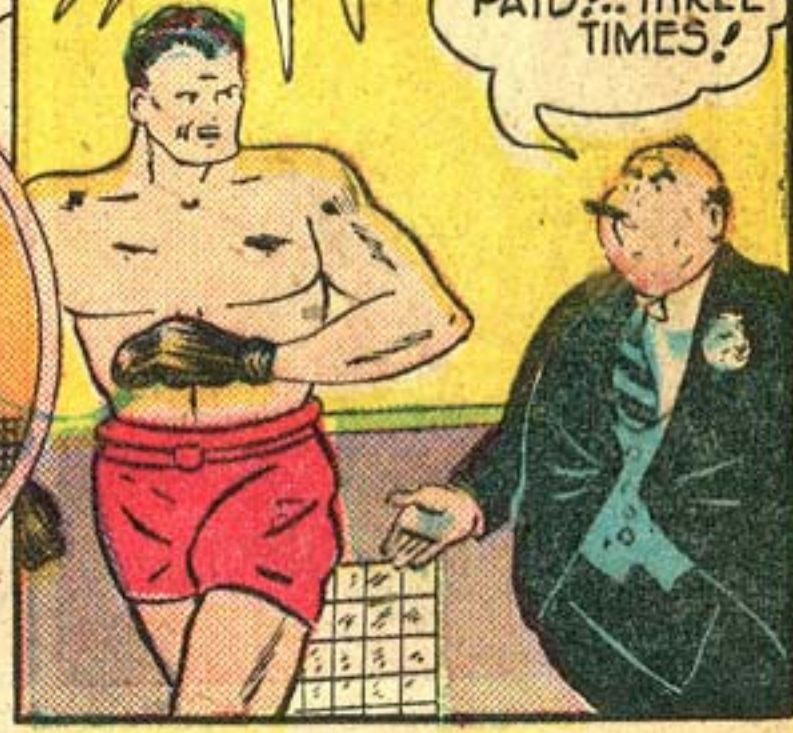
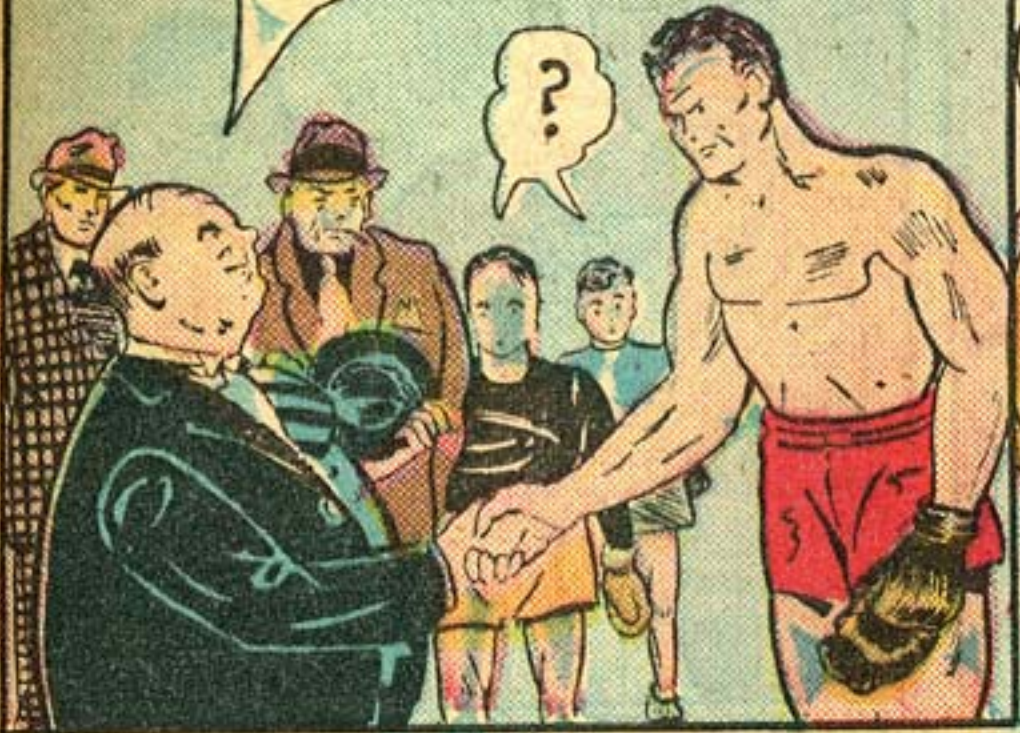
LET'S HUSTLE DOWN AND TALK IT OVER WITH WARD, BOSS!

HELLO CHAMP! I'M ALDERMAN MCGAINNESS! I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS A LITTLE BUSINESS PROPOSITION WITH YOU!

PLEASUED TO MEETCHA!

YOU CAN MAKE A NICE BUCK IF YOU'LL SELL ME YOUR OPTION! ...WHADDA YA WANNA FOOL AROUND WITH THESE GUTTER-SNIPES FOR... BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE, YOU KNOW, HA, HA!

NUTHIN' DOIN'!... I BOUGHT THIS FER A GYM FER THE KIDS 'N THAT'S WHAT IT'S GONNA BE! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU TWICE WHAT YA PAID!... THREE TIMES!



STUBBORN EH! WELL YOUR OPTION'S UP IN THIRTY DAYS! ...WHERE'LL YOU GET TH' REST OF THE MONEY, HUH?

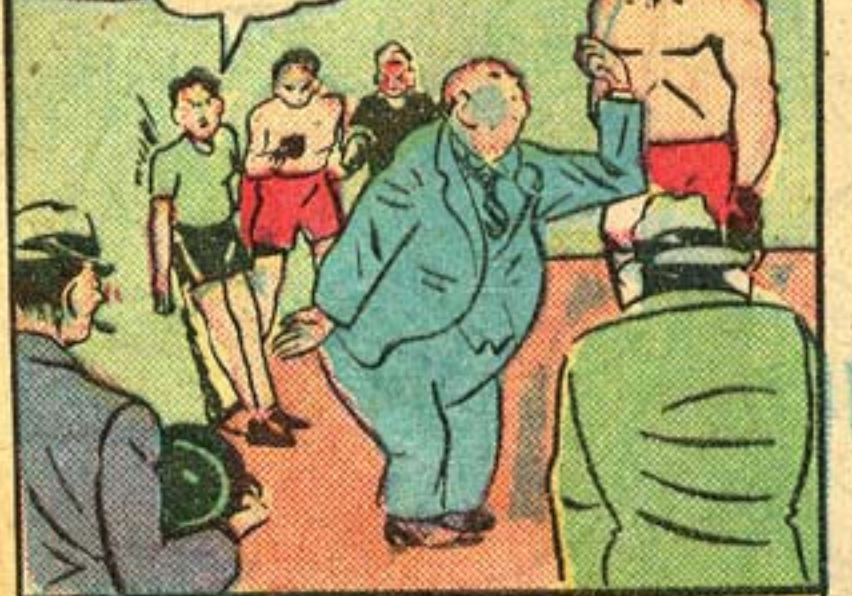
I'LL BE ABLE TO RAISE THAT EASY IN MY NEXT FIGHT!... NOW, GET OUT!

RAISE IT IN HIS NEXT FIGHT EH?.. WELL WE'LL SEE IF HE FIGHTS IN TIME TO COVER THAT OPTION!

NOW YOU GOT THAT STRAIGHT, SLICKER? NO SLIP-UPS!

IT'S A CINCH, ALDERMAN!... I'LL HAVE THAT WARD'S WALLET FER YOU IN TEN MINUTES!

WANT US TO THROW THE BUZZARD OUT, CHAMP?



AS KAYO WALKS OUT OF HIS GYM, THE LOITERING FIGURE OF SLICKER, CASUALLY BUMPS INTO HIM..

OOPS!

SORRY PAL!... DIDN'T SEE YOU!

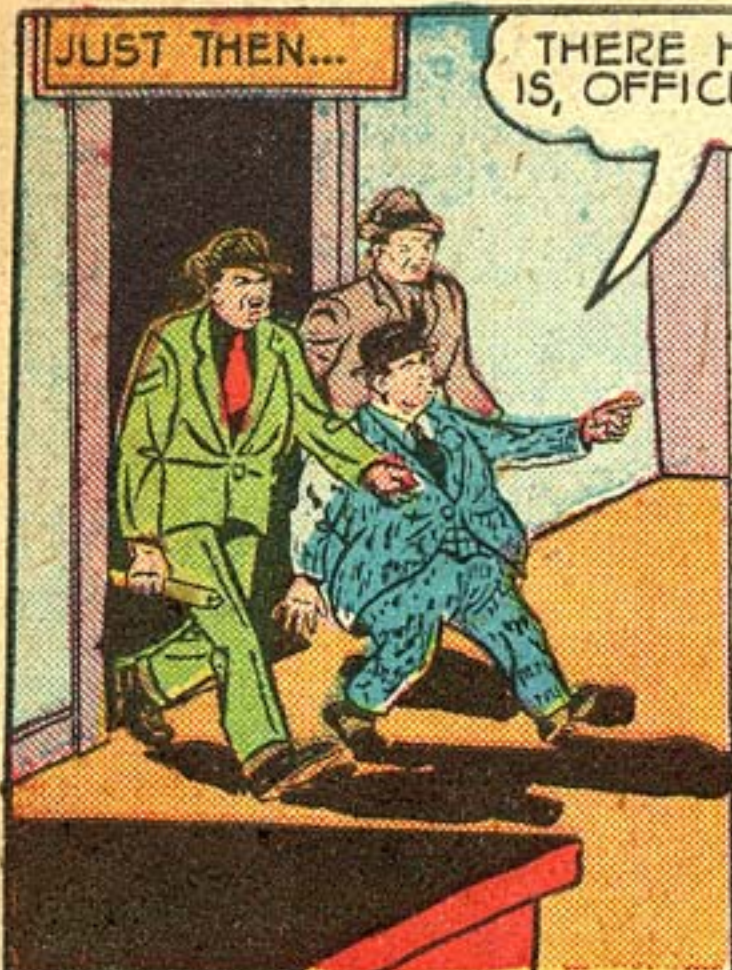


THE NIGHT OF KAYO'S FIGHT...

SORRY I CAN'T TAKE YOU KIDS WITH ME! IT'LL KEEP YOU UP TOO LATE!

C'MON, SNAP IT UP KAYO!





JUST THEN...

THERE HE IS, OFFICER!



???



WE GOT A WARRANT FER YOUR ARREST, WARD! YOUR WALLET WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE OF A ROBBERY! COME WITH US!

B..BUT, IT'S ALL SOME 'CRAZY MISTAKE!

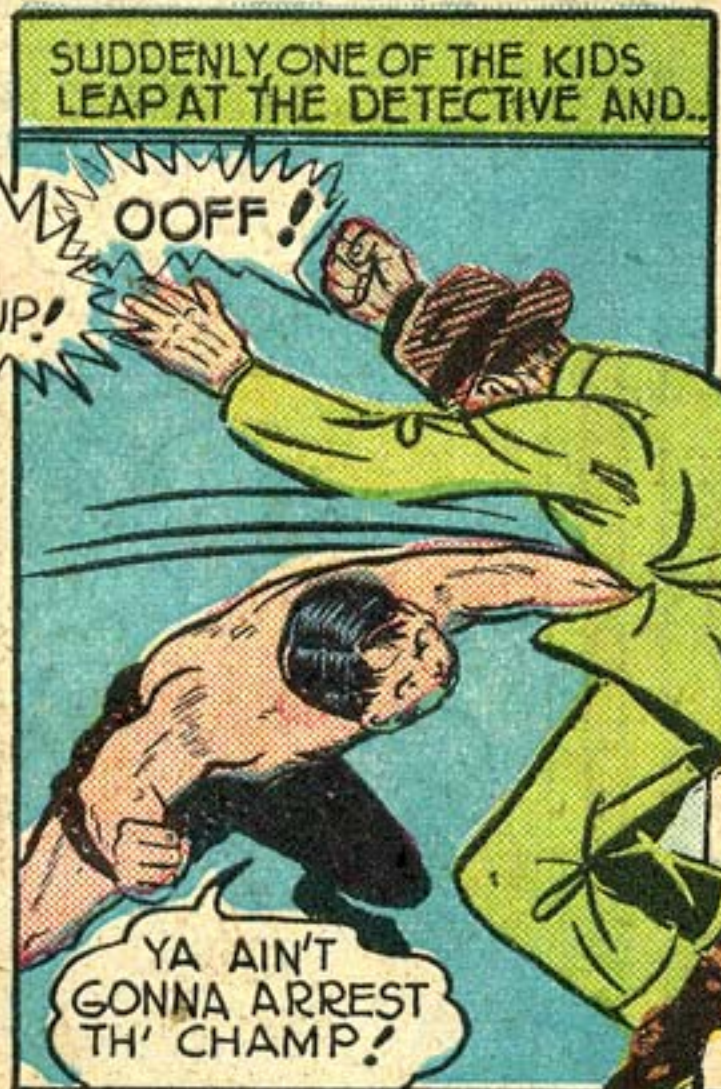
IT'S NO MISTAKE! HE'S THE MAN, ALL RIGHT!



WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FIGHT AT LEAST, WILL YA?

NOT A CHANCE! DO YA COME QUIET, OR DO I HAVE TO GIVE YOU THE BUSINESS?

IT'S A FRAME-UP!



SUDDENLY, ONE OF THE KIDS LEAP AT THE DETECTIVE AND..

OOFF!

YA AIN'T GONNA ARREST TH' CHAMP!



..A GENERAL FIST FIGHT ENSUES

C'MON, KID, NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A BREAK!

B.. BUT LEW.. TH' KIDS!.. UH.. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!



WARD'S ESCAPED!.. DON'T LET HIM GET INTO THAT GARDEN! CALL THE RIOT SQUAD!



HOW'S ABOUT IT, KIDS! ARE WE GONNA LET THAT POLITICIAN GET AWAY WITH IT?

NO, PUNCHY!

OKAY!.. THEN FOLLOW ME! WE'RE GOIN' DOWN TO THAT GARDEN, TOO!

YEA! YOU BETCHA!



MEANWHILE CONNIE IS ALSO BUSY MAKING THE ROUNDS AMONG THE MOTHERS...

WAITTIL I GET MY HAT!

AND SO IF HE PREVENTS KAYO FROM FIGHTING, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S GYM!

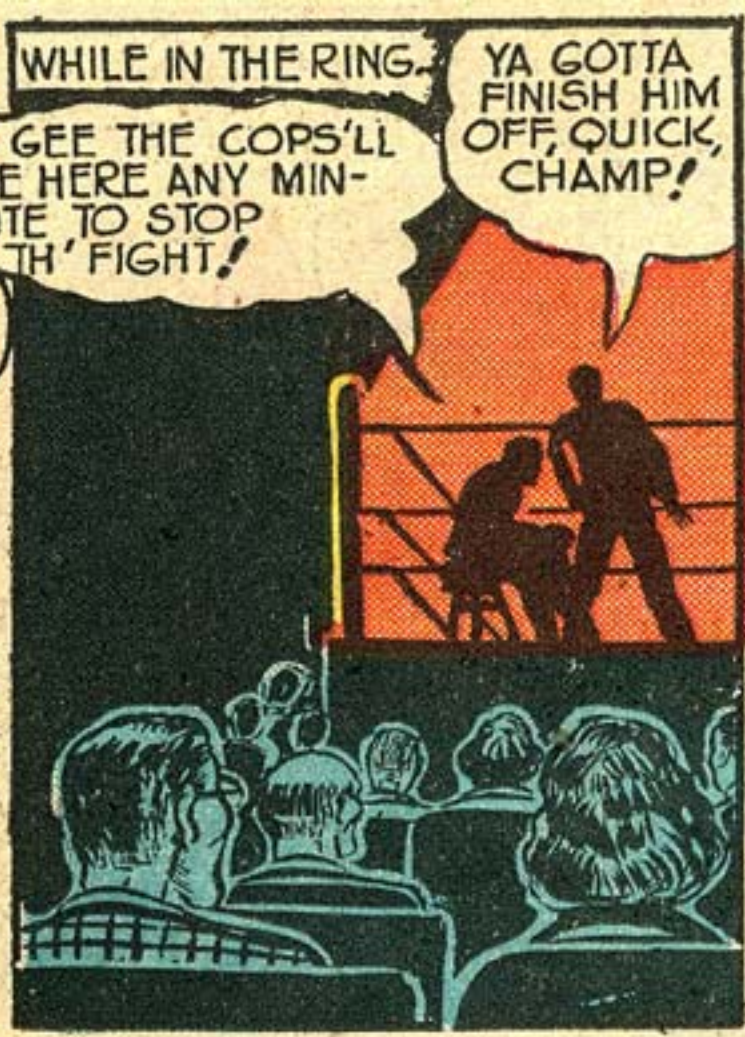


CONNIE PILES THE CLAMORING MOTHERS INTO TAXIS AND ALL GO RACING TO THE GARDEN...

THE DIRTY-...

PASTA FAZOOLE! WE SHOW-A DEM!

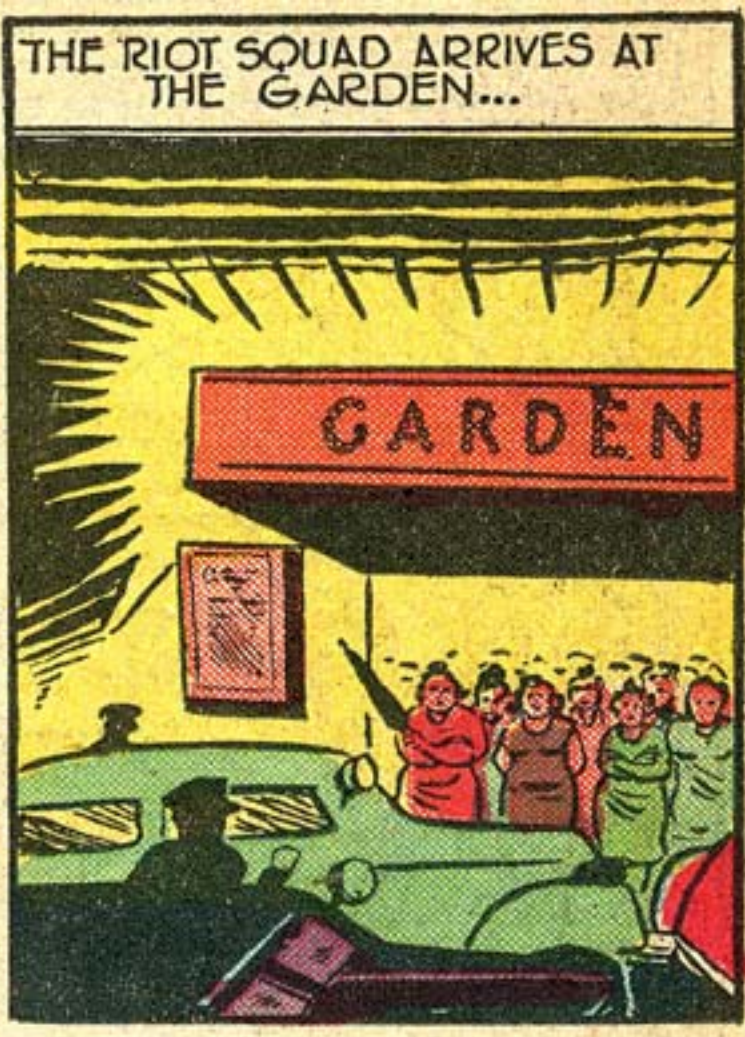
A ONION SHOULD GROW FROM DOT OLDER-MAN'S HEAD!



WHILE IN THE RING...

GEE THE COPS'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE TO STOP TH' FIGHT!

YA GOTTA FINISH HIM OFF, QUICK, CHAMP!



THE RIOT SQUAD ARRIVES AT THE GARDEN...

...AND ARE MET BY A STRANGE RECEPTION COMMITTEE



ONE SIDE, LADY!

YEAH, MOVE!

SHURE!...AND WHO'S GONNA MAKE ME!



JUST LAY A HAND ON ME AND BEGORRA, I'LL BEND THIS AROUND YER HEAD LIKE A PRETZEL!



WHILE AT ANOTHER ENTRANCE...

NOO! UND I SAY, YOU'LL GETTING INTO DIS PLACE OVER MY DEAD BODY!

BUT LADY!...I'M THE LAW! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!

GET THIS TRASH OUT OF THE WAY OFFICER!



IT'S TH' CROOKED POLITICIAN, MOMMY!...TAKE DAT!

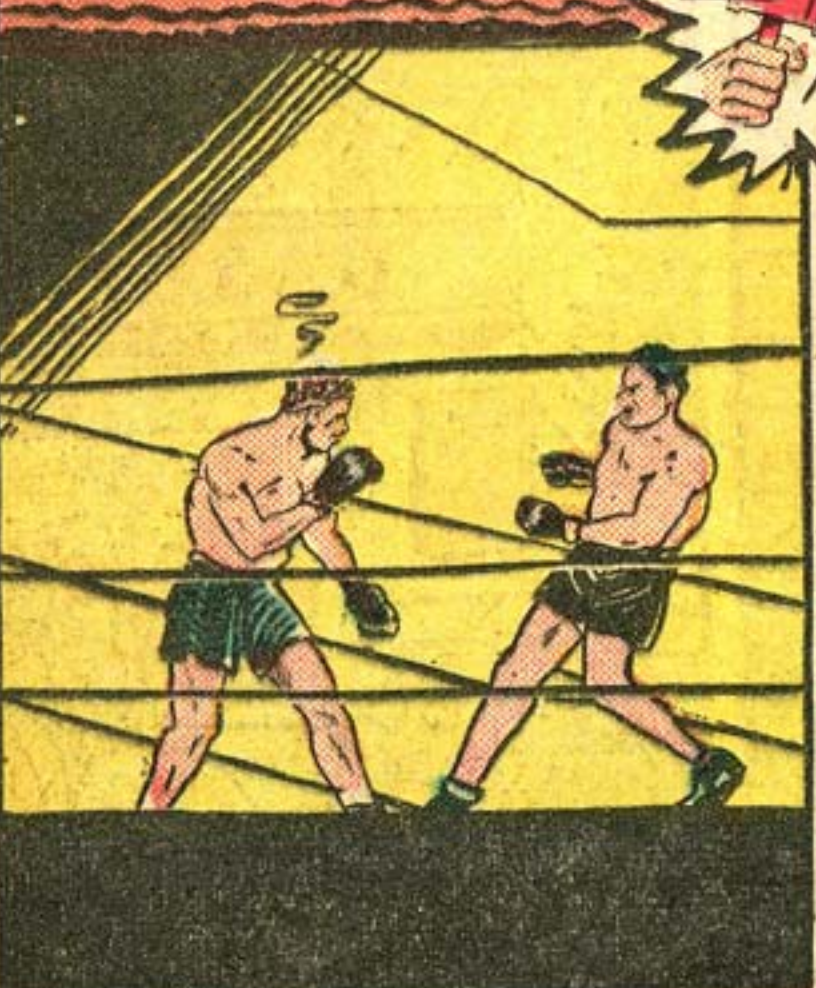
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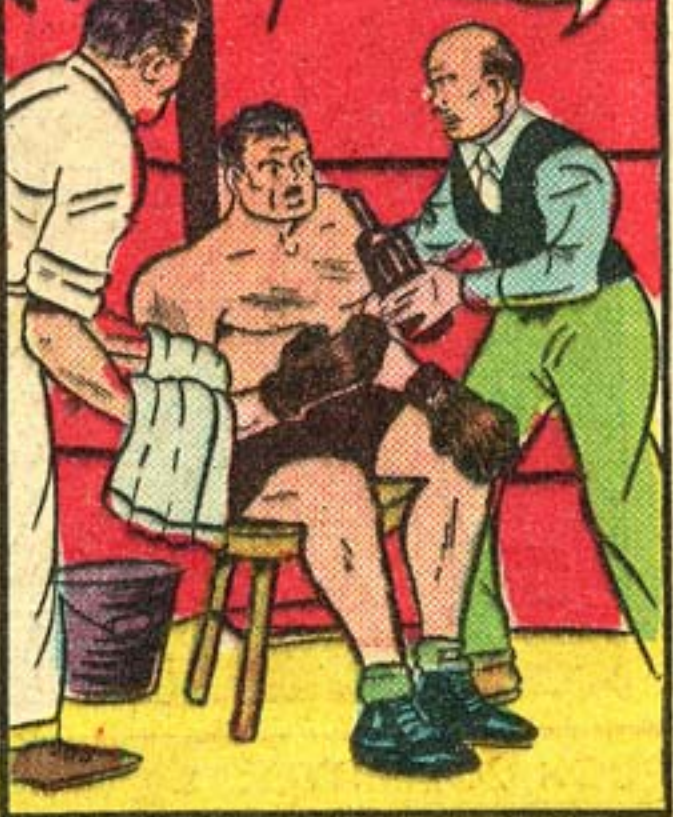
UND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU, LOW LIFER!

Y!..look!

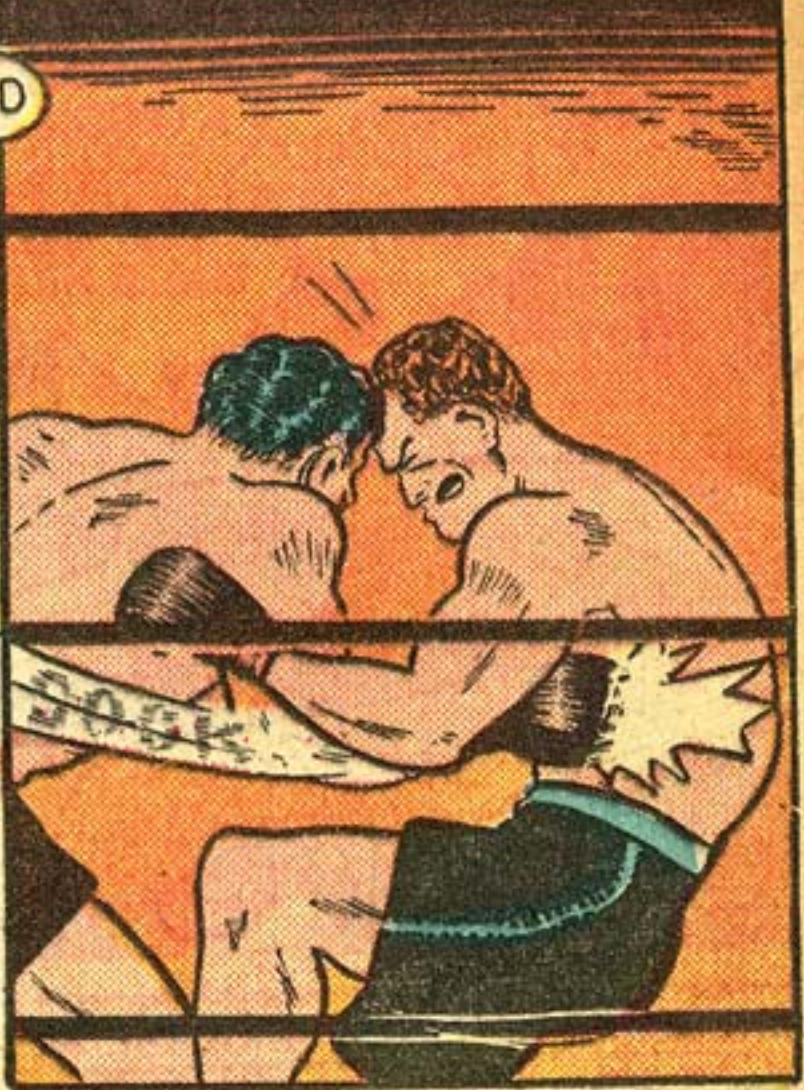
WHILE INSIDE, KAYO SLAMS HIS OPPONENT ALL OVER THE RING IN AN EFFORT FOR A QUICK KNOCKOUT...



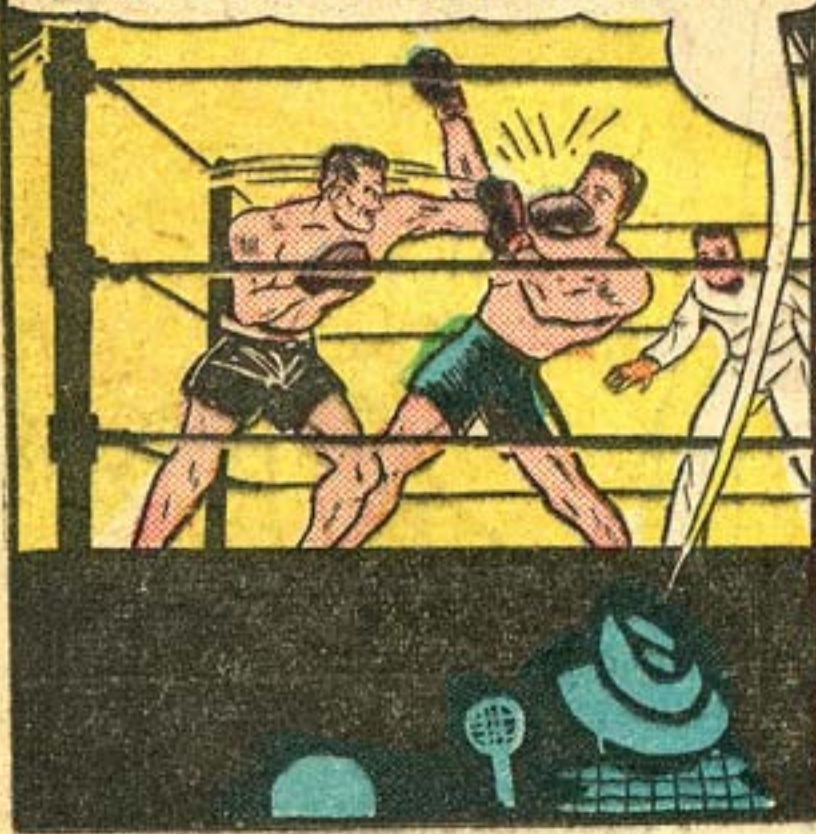
BONG
GEE! HE'S TOUGH, LEW!
YA GOTTA HURRY, KAYO, THE COPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE ALREADY!



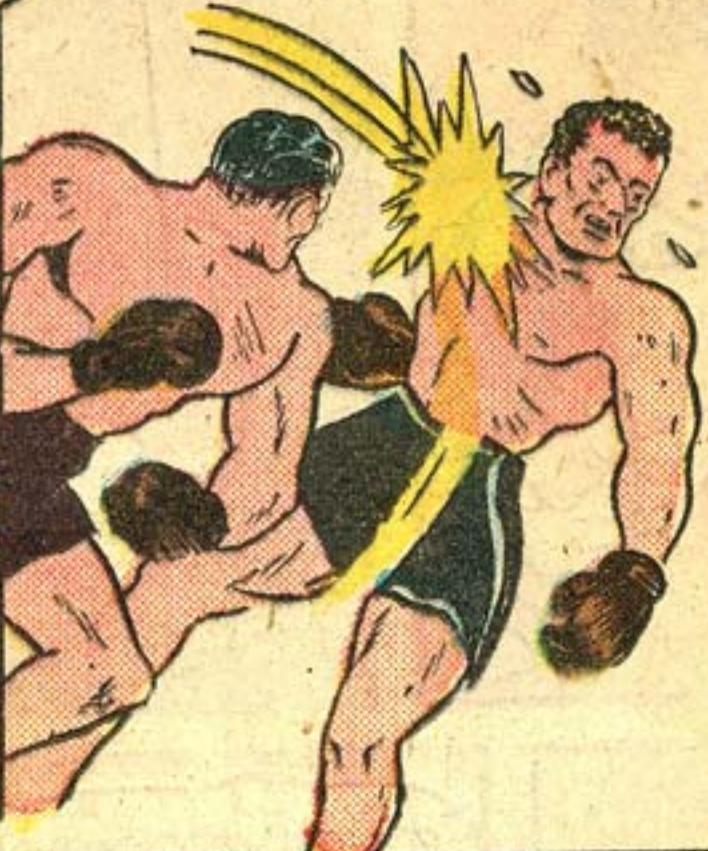
KAYO RETURNS TO THE WARS, AND...



RIGHT, LEFT! RIGHT, LEFT! THE CHAMP'S A RAGING TIGER 'IN THERE! NO MAN CAN STAND UP THAT LONG! OH!.. OH!.. THERE IT IS FOLKS!..



..A SMASHING LEFT THROUGH SMITH'S GUARD..



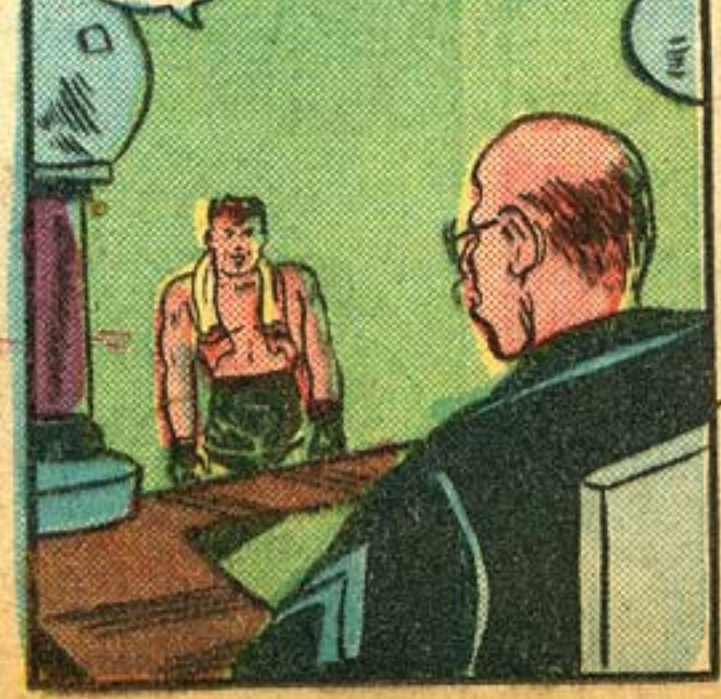
..AND THE FIGHT'S OVER!



YEA, CHAMP!
NOW I'LL GO DOWN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS 'N STRAIGHTEN THIS THING OUT!



WOTTA FIGHT!
NOW, YOUSE KIN ARREST ME, BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL MY LAWYER!
ER...THE ALDERMAN MADE A..ER SLIGHT MISTAKE! THERE'S NO CHARGE AGAINST YOU WARD!



DAYS LATER....

OH, KAYO, YOU'VE BUILT THESE YOUNGSTERS A BEAUTIFUL GYM! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
IT KINDA MAKES ME HAPPY TOO, CONNIE!





BENTLEY

of SCOTLAND YARD

S. COOPER

BLEAK AND DISMAL IN THE LONELY MOORS STANDS THE FORMIDABLE TOBIAS HOUSE, KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE LAND FOR THE MURDEROUS GHOST THAT STALKED ITS HALLS NEARLY A CENTURY AGO. THEN ONE NIGHT, A BLOOD-CURDLING CRY PIERCES THE INKY DARK - A SLUMPING BODY - AND THE TOBIAS QUIET! HAS THE STRUCK GHOST AGAIN?



THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?

THE FAMILY GHOST!



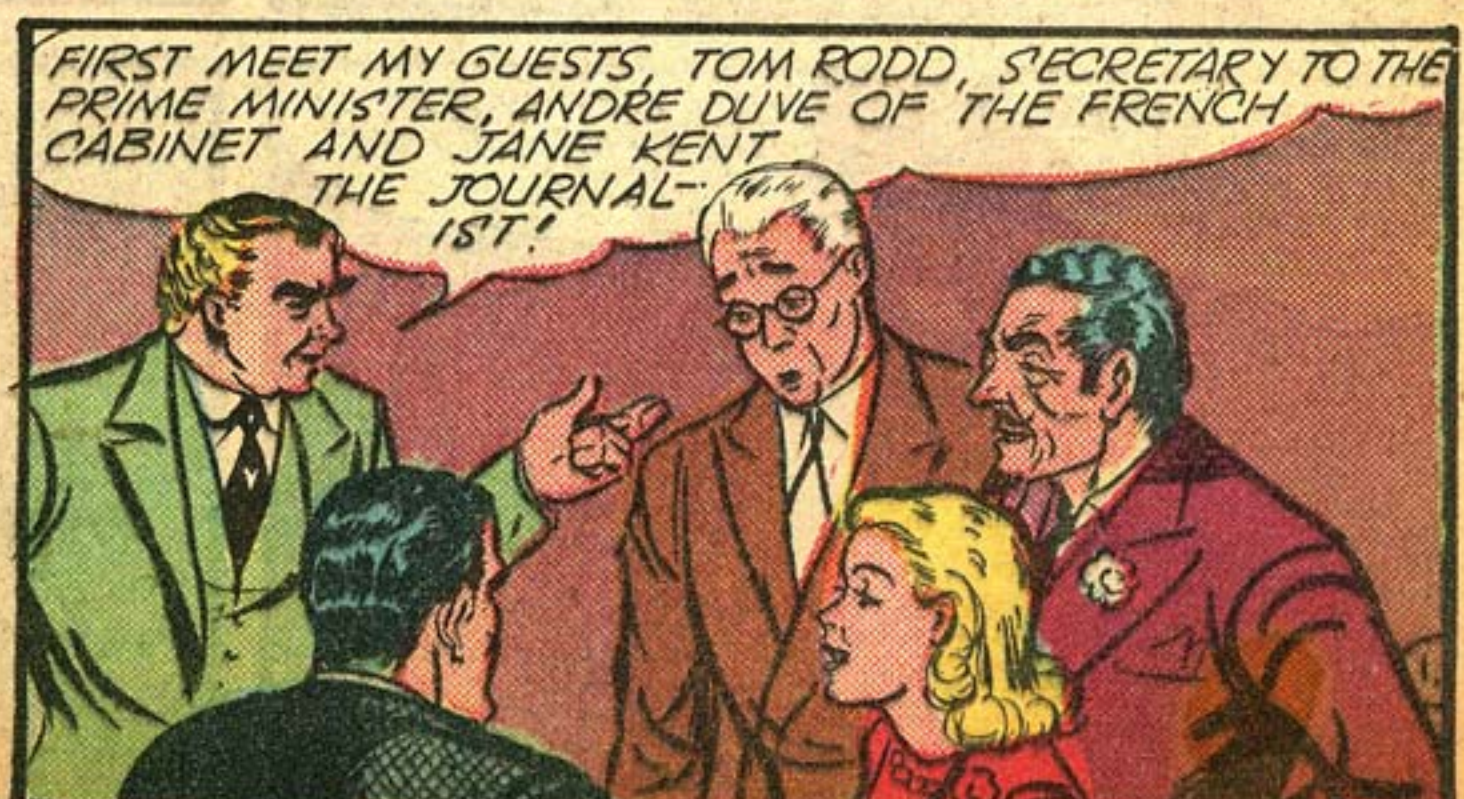
FANTASTIC OR NOT, BENTLEY, THE MAN'S DEAD. COME AT ONCE!

HUGH TOBIAS CALLS SCOTLAND YARD!



AND A SHORT TIME LATER, BENTLEY ARRIVES

I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD!



FIRST MEET MY GUESTS, TOM RODD, SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, ANDRE DUVE OF THE FRENCH CABINET AND JANE KENT THE JOURNALIST!

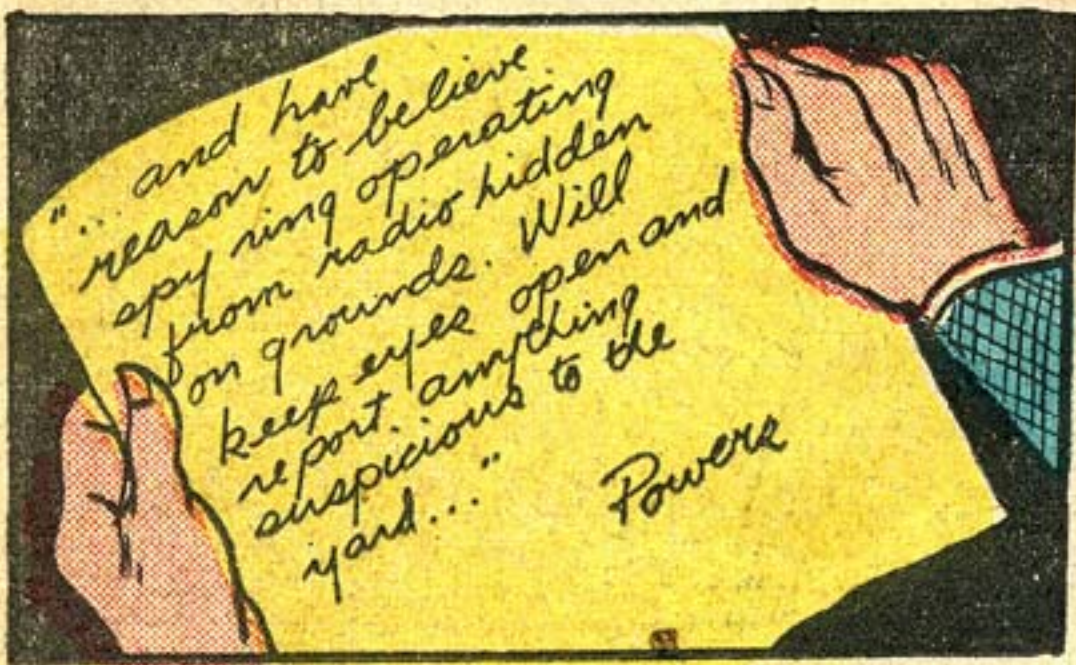


YOU KNEW THE IDENTITY OF THE DEAD MAN?

YES, HE WAS A SECRET SERVICE MAN GUARDING DUNE.



THAT'S RIGHT. THIS AFTER-NOON I RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM HIM.



...and have reason to believe spy ring operating from radio hidden on grounds. Will keep eyes open and report anything suspicious to the yard... Powers



SPY? WHAT OF MY SECRET MISSION?

OH BOY! A STORY!

DEAR, DEAR WHAT WILL THE PRIME MINISTER SAY?

WHAT NOW, BENTLEY?



I'M GOING TO TAKE POWERS' ROOM AND START INVESTIGATING FROM THERE!



LATER, THAT NIGHT!

AHA! THE GHOST WALKS! HE'S PULLING THE SAME STUNT ON ME AS HE DID ON POWERS

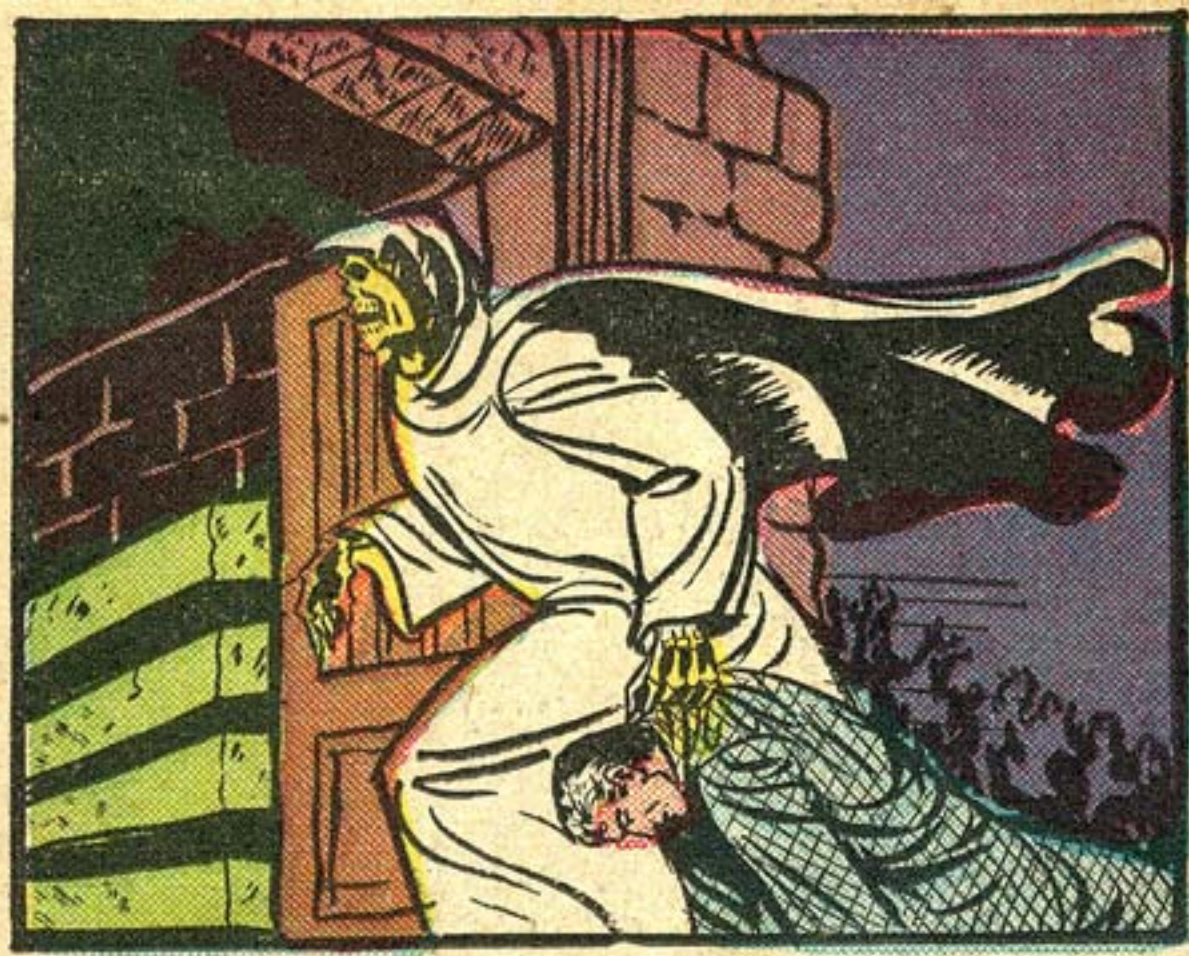


BUT I'M SUCKER ENOUGH TO TAKE A CHANCE AND FOLLOW HIM!

OH! OH! WHERE THE DEVIL DID HE GO!



HE WAS HEADING FOR THE MAUSOLEUM!



NOW, BENTLEY, YOU MUST PAY FOR SNOOPING!



AT THAT MOMENT.

I-I SAY, ANYBODY IN HERE?



I SAY, BENTLEY-OH-THERE GOES THE LIGHT.

AS THE "GHOST" SNEAKS OUT THROUGH A BACK EXIT A SUDDEN BREEZE EXTINGUISHES THE CANDLE!



OVER HERE MISS KENT. STRIKE A MATCH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

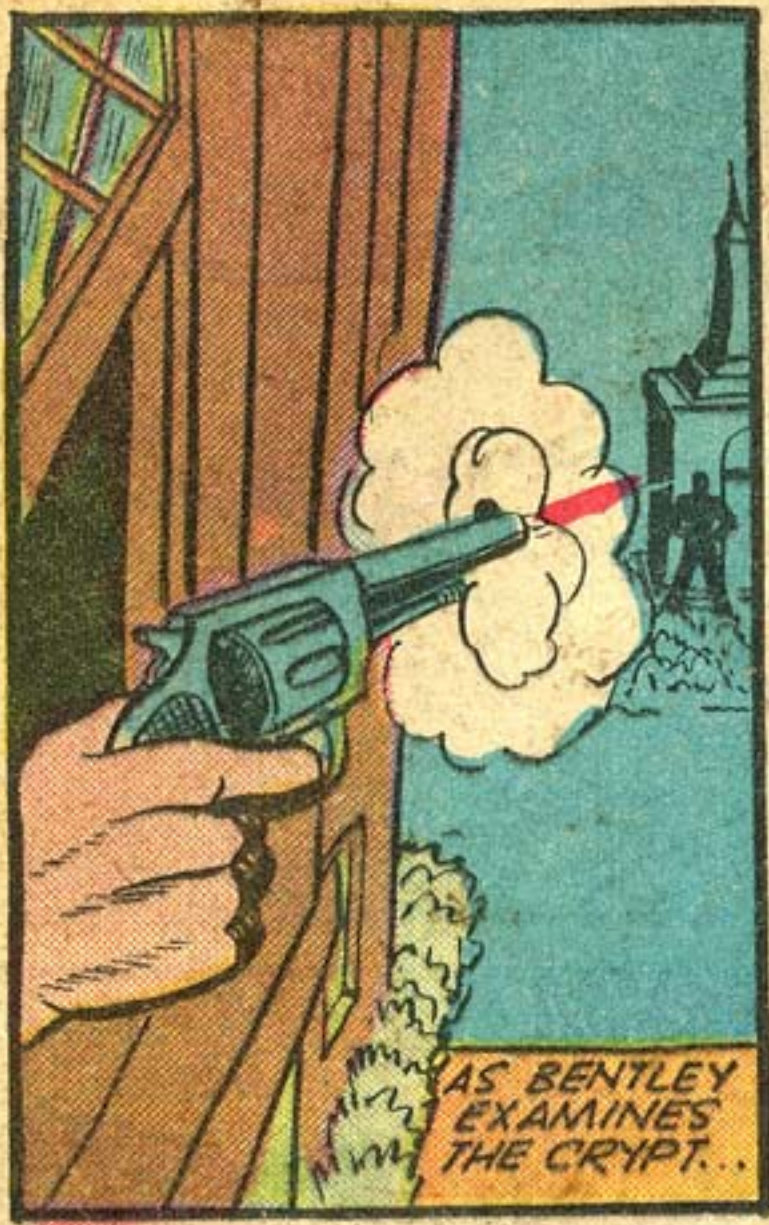


I'M OKAY. DID HE PASS YOU?

WHO? I FELT NOTHING BUT A STRONG WIND!



HMM! THAT'S AN ODD LOOKING TOWER TO BE ON A CRYPT... AND IT LOOKS NEW, TOO!



AS BENTLEY EXAMINES THE CRYPT...



AHA! SHOOTING AT ME! I MUST BE GETTING WARM!



I HEARD IT, BUT I WAS OUT BACK!

BACK AT THE HOUSE.

BY THE TIME I GOT UPSTAIRS, NO ONE WAS HERE.

I FIRED NO SHOT, INSPECTOR.

NOR I!

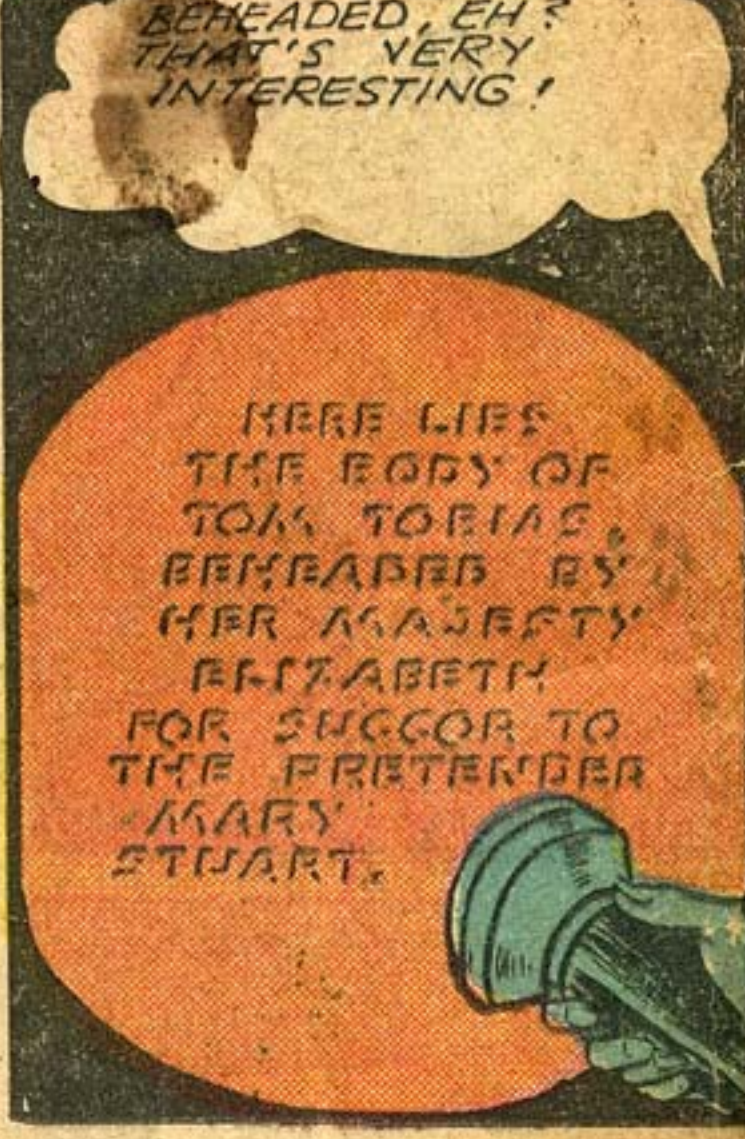


SOMEHOW, I'M CONVINCED THE SECRET LIES IN THAT CRYPT. SOMEONE IS TRYING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THERE!



THAT NIGHT BENTLEY RETURNS TO THE CRYPT -

HELLO, WHAT'S THAT?



BEHEADED, EH? THAT'S VERY INTERESTING!

HERE LIES THE BODY OF TOM TORIAS, BEHEADED BY HER MAJESTY ELIZABETH, FOR SUGGOR TO THE PRETENDER MARY STUART.



OH! NO YOU DON'T!



A SUDDEN BLOW FLINGS BENTLEY HALF WAY ACROSS THE CRYPT!



THIS IS FOR MEDDLING, BENTLEY!



I SAY, BENTLEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, BUT I'M HIT!



I FELT IT GO PAST ME AGAIN!

NO HE DIDN'T. THERE'S A SECRET DOOR IN THE WALL. COME ON, I'LL SHOW YOU!



NOW HOW - OH, OH! HERE IT IS, A CATCH!

WATCH OUT. HE HAS A GUN!



WE'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE HOUSE. WE'RE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE LIGHT, WE'LL MAKE PERFECT TARGETS!



WHERE WAS EVERYBODY DURING THE SHOOTING?

AT THE HOUSE-

WHY, AH, IN THE GARDEN

IN MY ROOM!

I WAS IN THE STUDY.



ONE OF YOU IS LYING, AND I CHARGE HIM WITH THE MURDER OF TOM POWERS.

BENTLEY KNOWS THE SECRET OF THE INHOSPITABLE GHOST, DO YOU? ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MURDERER OF POWERS, THE SECRET SERVICE MAN. CHECK YOUR CHOICE, THEN READ BENTLEY'S SOLUTION ON THE NEXT PAGE:
JOAN KENT....
TOM RODD....
HUGH TOBIAS....
ANDRE DUVE....
NOW TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE.



I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU!

NOT MR. TOBIAS?

YES. A SPY AND A TRAITOR!



TRAITOR OR NOT, I'VE DONE WHAT I SET OUT TO DO!

DROP THAT GUN. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!



UNDER ARREST? WHY, I'LL - UGH!

HUGH TOBIAS, A TRAITOR? WHAT A STORY!

WITH A GUN THAT WAS BANDAGED INTO HIS SLING, BENTLEY FIRES FIRST!



HOW DID YOU SUSPECT?

I WAS LOOKING FOR A RADIO. THAT'S WHAT POWERS CAME OUT HERE TO FIND.



SOMEONE WAS SENDING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY. I DECIDED THAT THE TOWER WOULD MAKE A PERFECT RADIO ANTENNA.



THEN WHEN I READ THE INSCRIPTION ON THE TOMB, I KNEW IT WAS EMPTY - THEY ALWAYS BURNED TRAITORS' BODIES - TOBIAS' HATRED FOR HIS COUNTRY BETRAYED HIM!

OH! I BEGIN TO CATCH ON NOW!



...AND THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE INSTALLED A RADIO TOWER HERE WAS TOBIAS!



I KNEW THE "GHOST" WAS TRYING TO LURE ME INTO THE OPEN. I REVERSED THE PROCEDURE AND BROUGHT HIM OUTSIDE. HIS, MISS KENT'S AND MINE ARE THE ONLY SHOES CARRYING THE DUST OF THE CRYPT!

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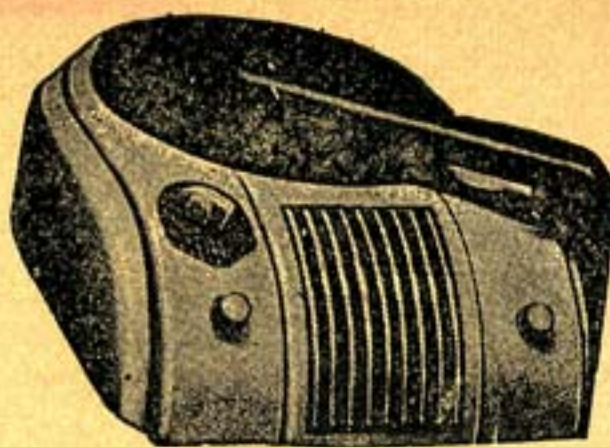
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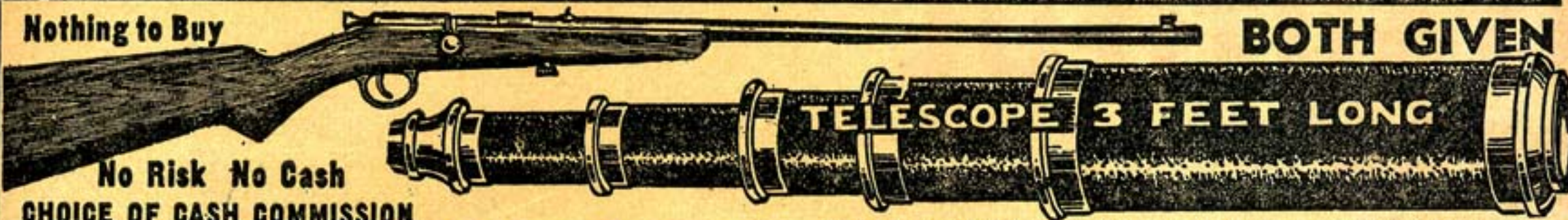
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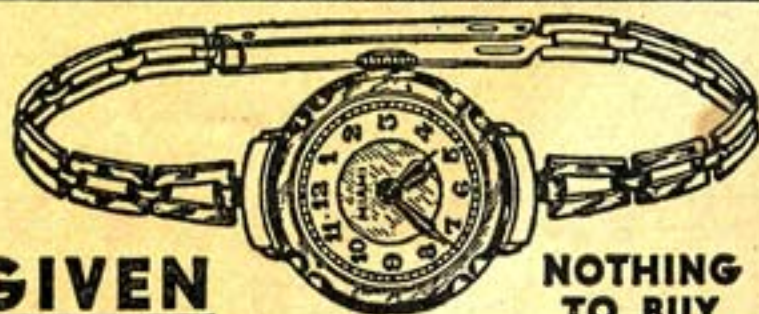
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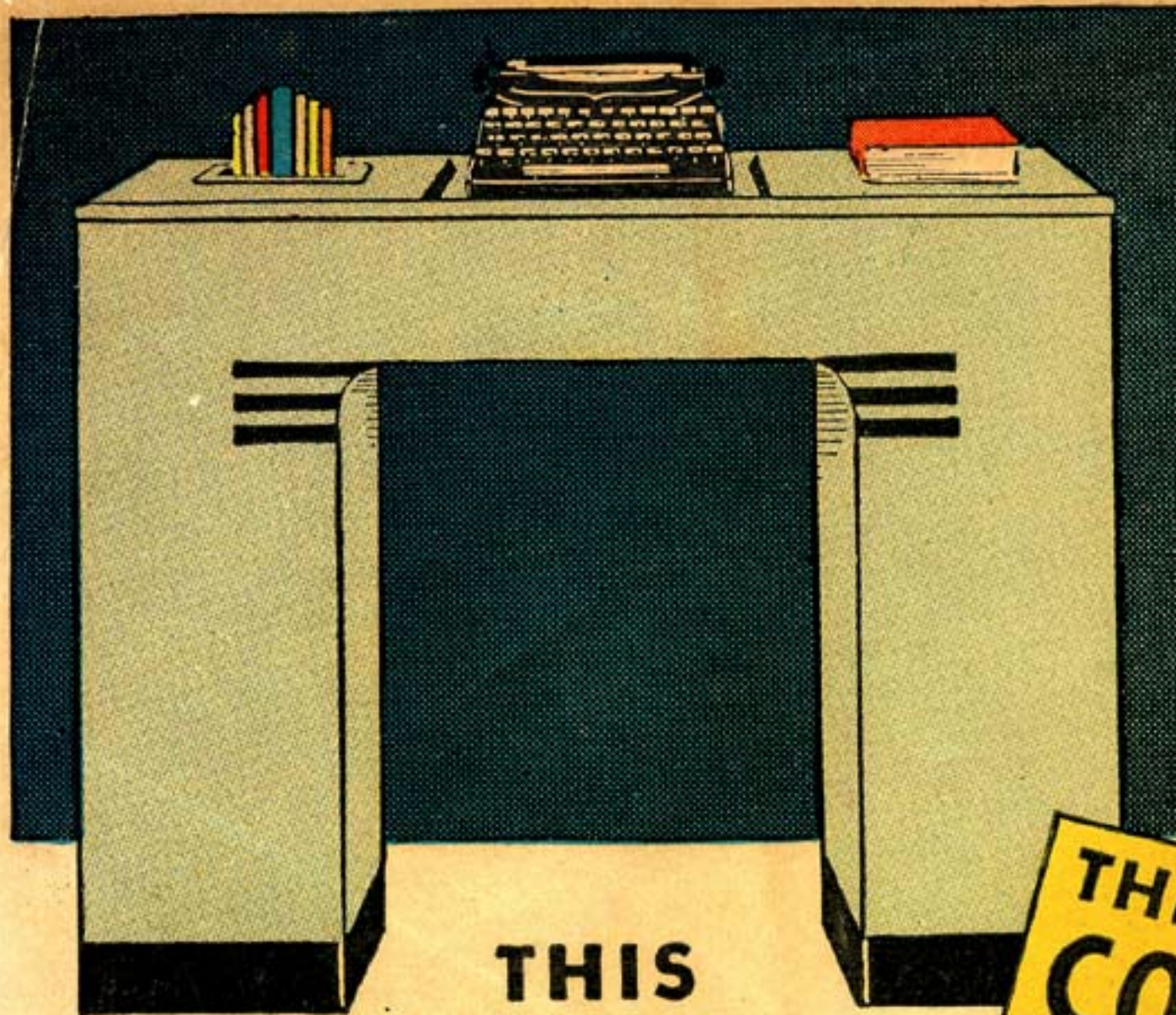
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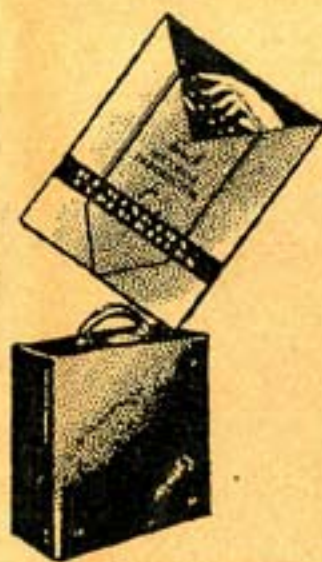
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